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16 get gasoline assistance in MCN's \$40 refill contest

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Sixteen *Michigan Community Newspapers* readers have reason to smile next time they fill their vehicle's gas tank -- they have earned up to \$40 in gasoline payments compliments of a recent newspaper contest seeking to help area residents impacted by skyrocketing gasoline costs.

The winners need to stop by the MCN offices at 35540 Michigan Avenue (near Elizabeth

St.) in Wayne, show proof of identification and a receipt from a recent gasoline fill-up.

Following verification of their information, a check will be mailed to them by Mike Wilcox, MCN publisher.

The winners and their hometowns are: Heather Selix of Westland, Karen Nevada of Westland, Maudie Darnell of Romulus, Alice Sheldon of Ypsilanti, Kelly Sandesur of Romulus, Marjorie Kolacz of Westland, Nancy Lambert of

Public Works offices set to open Sept. 1

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Bids for telephone, fire and burglar alarm systems for the new Romulus Department of Public Works Building have been approved in preparation for the opening of the new DPW headquarters on Sept. 1.

The business phone and network cabling contract was given to VODA Telecommunications in the amount of \$7,226.

The burglar and fire alarm systems installation contract was awarded to the Guardian Alarm Co. (the lone bidder) for the amount of \$3,056.

The contract also calls for a monthly monitoring and maintenance fee of \$153.

The oft-delayed DPW building was caused by Wayne County's need for expanded room for Detroit Metro Airport with the pending addition of a new jet runway including part of Goddard Road.

Wayne, Delores Destrinch of Westland, Denise Panek of Westland, and Tameka Woodard of Romulus.

Others include Debra Paden of Westland, Carmen Rossi of Romulus, Pat Johnson of Garden City, Gary Carpenter of Romulus, Gayle Mach of Romulus and T. Romak of Romulus.

Low flying turtles rescued

Thirty one painted and snapping turtles left Detroit Metro Airport in the past month thanks to the services of concerned airport volunteers.

They are now basking in the friendly confines of the nearby Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township.

According to airport spokesman Michael Conway, the endangered turtles were rescued from Pond No. 5 after they were seen coming out of the mud as the 15-acre pond was being drained.

Environmental Manager Cathy Morse is credited with organizing the rescue last month. The rescue became so popular with local workers that a total of 18 volunteers (airport workers and others) joined in the six or more rescue efforts during both June and July.

Airport construction workers are now preparing to fill in the storm water retention pond to make way for the planned sixth jet runway.

New Metro Airport Director

Lester Robinson declared "it is heart warming to know that our employees have such a deep concern for nature, that they would be willing to slog through shallow water and mud on their own time to make life more comfortable for these turtles."

Volunteers from the state's Department of Environmental Quality, U of M-Dearborn students, Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff members along with those from Metro Airport took part in the various rescue episodes.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD JUNE 26, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak
Absent: None
Excused: William Wadsworth

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held June 13, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Crova that the City of Romulus does not the jurisdiction to either approve or disapprove PC 2000-06, the Special Approval Land Use for the Romulus Community School District for the proposed development, construction and occupancy of an elementary school to be located on 19.66 acres on Beverly Road between Wayne and Henry Ruff Roads in a R1-A (Single Family Residential) zoned district.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Abstain - Morris.
Motion Carried.

3B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to concur with the request of the petitioner, Omega Industries, LLC and grant an eight (8) year tax abatement on \$2,000,000.00 in real property and \$16,033,500.00 in personal property to expire December 31, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla.
Nays - Gear, Romak.
Motion Carried.

*4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Morris to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session after Item #11 Warrant.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 99/00-84 to Metro 25 Commercial Tire, Inc. in the amount of \$3,759.68 for the purchase of a Rim Clamp Tire Changer.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to award Bid 99/00-85 to NAPA Warehouse in the amount of \$947.00 for one (1) Lathe Enclosure.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5C-5H. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to introduce the following Budget Amendments as follows:

5C. To introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-18 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND Revenues				
101-000.00-445.000	Penalties & Interest On Taxes	40,000	45,000	85,000
Expenditures				
101-253.00-818.00	Contractual Services	18,000	45,000	63,000

To appropriate funds for unanticipated collection costs and recognize related revenue.

5D. To introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-19 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND Revenues				
101-738.00-813.000	Library Contract	18,000	45,000	63,000
101-941.00-959.00	Contingency	340,000	(45,000)	295,000

To appropriate funds for increase in library contract expense.

5E. To introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-20 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND Expenditures				
101-801.00-818.000	Contractual Services	100,000	40,000	140,000
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE BUDGET				
General Fund		348,727	40,000	308,727

To appropriate funds for increased planning and engineering fees.

5F. To introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-21 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND Expenditures				
101-210.00-817.000	Contractual Attorney Fees	55,000	107,000	162,000
101-210.00-912.000	Attorney Fees Labor Relations	10,000	2,750	12,750
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE BUDGET				
General Fund		308,727	109,750	204,477

To appropriate additional funds for deep-well litigation expenses and labor negotiation costs.

5G. To introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-22 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
BUILDING AUTHORITY FUND Expenditures				
303-000.00-955.200	Project Costs	0	21,975	21,975
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATE BUDGET				
Building Authority Fund		91,450	21,975	69,475

To appropriate additional funds for final project costs to City Hall/Library renovation project.

5H. To introduce Budget Amendment 99/00-23 as follows:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
COMM. DEV. GRANTS Revenues				
252-000.00-501.000	Grant Revenue - Federal	190,000	86,161	276,161
252-000.00-502.000	Repayment of Liens	20,000	60,000	80,000
Expenditures				
252-000.00-752.000	Liens Repaid/P.L.	0	80,000	80,000
252-000.00-752.981	98-24-14A1	0	7,224	7,224
252-000.00-752.982	98-24-14A2	0	50,000	50,000
252-000.00-763.098	98-24-052	0	4,614	4,614
252-000.00-754.098	98-24-16B	0	3,216	3,216
252-000.00-999.101	98-24-14AH & 99-24-21	14,000	21,107	35,107

To establish contract balances per FY98/99 financial statements and recognize additional liens repaid and related expense.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5I. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to revise the current guidelines for capital outlay purchases, to include items that have an individual cost of \$500.00 or more with the life expectancy to remain at two (2) years.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5J. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to authorize the Major to execute the FY 2000/2001 Subrecipient Agreement for Wayne County, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5K. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to grant authorization to encumber fiscal year 1999/2000 funds from various departments into the fiscal year 2000/2001 budget. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5L. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to grant authorization to extend

the term of the current agreement submitted by Waste Management an additional five (5) years effective July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

5M. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to grant authorization to enter into an agreement with Community Emergency Medical Services for a period of one year to enhance response time to emergency medical calls within the City of Romulus at the Mayor's discretion.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Prybyla.
Nays - Gear, Romak.
Motion Carried.

5N. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to enter into a contractual service agreement with Chief Richard Marinucci, in the amount of \$5,000.00 to serve as a consultant for the City of Romulus for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendation on the City's current service offering and proposed options.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. No action taken.

6A2a. Motion by Morris, supported by Romak to grant authorization to let bids on twelve (12) buildable lots of excess City owned property.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2b. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to grant authorization to let bids to the adjoining property owners on six (6) non buildable lots.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2c. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to grant authorization to acquire all the tax reverted properties on the State of Michigan list. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2d. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to grant authorization to accept an offer in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from William Hunt for the purchase of a vacant parcel of excess City owned property #020-99-044-000 on Vinewood Street for the purpose of constructing a residential dwelling.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to grant authorization to pay Warrant 00-12 in the grand total amount of One Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Forty Seven Dollars and Seventy Six Cents (\$1,606,047.76).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes- Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12a. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to convene into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12b. Motion Prybyla, supported by Romak to reconvene the regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12c. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to authorize the City Attorney to proceed as directed.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

News from Wayne

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Dems to host Attorney General Discussions about gas prices on agenda

One of the top priorities on the legislative agenda in Lansing these days is how to reverse the exorbitant price of gasoline.

Both political parties are moving to find an equitable solution to the problem, but until the governor and the legislators pinpoint the problem, consumers remain the losers.

Though gas prices have fallen from a record high \$2.27 per gallon to about \$1.85 this week, the price is nearly 30 percent more for gas is nearly 27 percent more than most were paying a year ago.

Tonight (July 13), Dems will hear Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, and some party members hope that Granholm will address the problem.

"We just can't afford to pay the prices at the pumps nowadays," said Cliff Johnson, president of the Metro Wayne Democratic Club, who invited the Attorney General to Wayne. "Just think how hard this is on people on fixed income? How are we going to pay for these increased?"

Granholm will be at the Fire Academy Brewery & Grill tonight at 5:30 p.m.

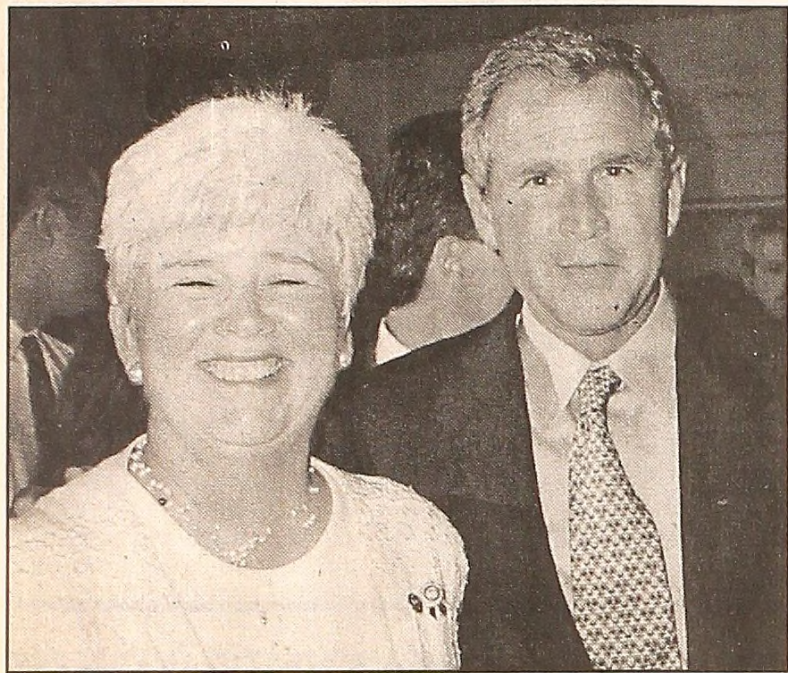
Johnson said that tickets are available for \$30 per person. He said that the program isn't all work, but it includes an evening of food, fun and celebration as well.

The two-hour program also was organized to help promote the upcoming primary which will be held on Aug. 8.

For more information or for tickets, contact Cliff or Marie Johnson at 729-8681 or Kathy Makino at 722-6646.



Jennifer Granholm
Attorney General



It happened in Wayne

Wayne councilwoman Donna McEachern, who also serves as the executive director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, had an opportunity to meet Texas Governor George W. Bush during the governor's brief visit to Wayne last week. Bush's fortunes in the state have apparently turned as a recent poll shows him as the front runner to claim the state in the upcoming national elections for the presidency. If you recall, George W. lost to challenger, Senator John McCain, in the primary here for the Republican Party nomination. McEachern did not say what she and the man who would be the president of the United States talked about.

Commissioner Sullivan wants you to vote by mail

Wayne County Commissioner John J. Sullivan believes that voting by mail is an idea whose time has arrived, and he wants Wayne County voters to be the first to participate.

Sullivan, whose district includes the cities of Wayne, Belleville, Romulus, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren, said that the process would also save taxpayers money.

"This would be a step in the right direction for involving people in their government again," said Commissioner Sullivan. "I think it's terrible that recent school board elections have seen less than 2 percent of the registered voters actually cast a vote.

"We are supposed to be a government of the people, for the people, by the people. Voting by mail is more convenient and private, and those features have the kind of appeal necessary to increase voter participation," Sullivan said.

Sullivan recently sponsored a resolution that urges the passage of House Bill 4444 or similar legislation that would allow Michigan residents to vote by mail and make Wayne County a pilot in that endeavor.

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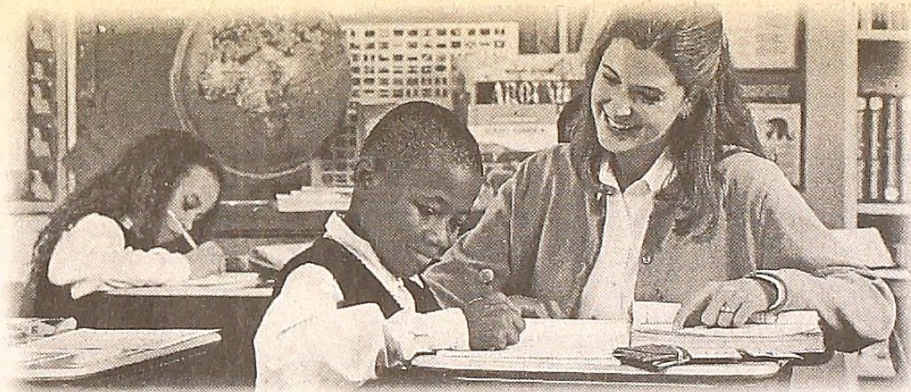
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, consisting of unsecured doors, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 37328 Van Born Road, Tax ID No. 015-99-0010-000.

By order of the City Manager, the doors were secured on an emergency basis. The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

Publish: July 13, 2000

CITY OF WAYNE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, consisting of an unsecured window and door, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 35550 W. Michigan Avenue, Tax ID No. 006-09-0015-002.

By order of the City Manager, the window and door were secured on an emergency basis. The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

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City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, consisting of refuse and debris on the berm area in front of the home, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 34584 Elm Street, Tax ID No. 003-09-0028-002.

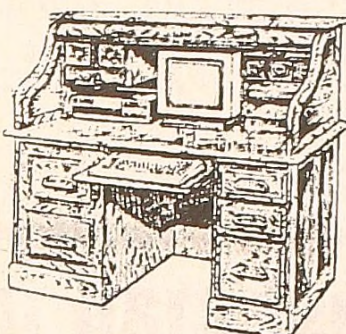
By order of the City Manager, the debris was removed by the Department of Public Works on an emergency basis. The cost to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

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Ward the best man for the job, but trio will get more votes

The race to become Wayne County Prosecutor has started to get interesting. Four out of the five Democratic candidates are mounting full-fledged, expensive campaigns in hopes of surviving the Primary Election on August 8.

Out-of-the-gate, former mayor and county executive candidate Sharon McPhail has held a substantial lead, largely based on name recognition. The race is expected to tighten, however, when Deputy County Executive Michael Duggan and State Senator Virgil Smith begin to throw money around.

Unfortunately the most qualified candidate, Deputy Prosecutor George Ward, who has been Prosecutor John O'Hair's longtime number two man, doesn't stand a chance. Name recognition is the name of the game these days, and consummate politicians McPhail, Duggan and Smith know how to play.

As we go down the stretch, 26 days before the Primary Election, McPhail enjoys a substantial lead according to most pollsters. Whether the fiery eight year veteran of the Prosecutor's office can maintain that lead will depend upon the effectiveness of Duggan's and Smith's advertising blitzes. Right now I would make her a 4 to 1 favorite to win the race.

Whether that margin holds up will depend upon Duggan's ability to get his boss, Ed McNamara out in front of the cameras to tell what a great fella his assistant is. Duggan has long been McNamara's arm twister, pestering county vendors and contractors to ante up money for all sorts of candidates and projects. Will these same people contribute wildly to Duggan, knowing the mayor supports another candidate? Time will tell.

At 6 to 1, Duggan is closing fast on McPhail. He has the support of many in suburban Wayne County, but many see potential conflicts of interest with Prosecutor Duggan. For instance there isn't a deal that has happened in Wayne County in the past decade that he hasn't had significant input in to. The man is super-connected to all powerbrokers, and like it or not, he will have to prosecute one or two of those powerbrokers if

he is elected.

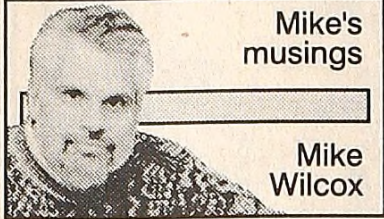
Don't sell State Senator Virgil Smith short. The popular senator is making his third run at the prosecutor's position. Last time around he nearly beat O'Hair. This time around he has the lukewarm backing of Archer - a sort of pay-off for supporting the state takeover of the Detroit Public School system last year. That support alone, however, won't spell WIN for Smith. In fact, I see McPhail and Smith splitting the City of Detroit vote, therefore Smith's odds are only 9 to 1. On the other hand, if McPhail were not running I would have Smith at 3 to 1.

One wonders what Smith will do with the position if he wins. He has no prosecutorial experience and really hasn't offered any position statements, like McPhail and Ward, that would persuade voters that he was the right guy.

That leaves us with Ward (the fifth candidate is Jennifer Colthirst, a virtual unknown). McPhail has said if you can't vote for me, vote for George Ward. His boss, O'Hair, has nothing but praise for his hardworking assistant. He commands the respect and admiration of coworkers, opposing lawyers, and judges. The only criticism I have heard of this man who oozes integrity, is that a vote for Ward is a vote for status-quo and maybe the office needs new blood.

But the problem with Ward, who I've handicapped at 30 to 1, is a terrible lack of name recognition and campaign funds. Most of the big dollars have gone to Duggan, McPhail or Smith, who have pounded the cocktail circuit while Ward burns the midnight oil to put the next criminal behind bars.

I would like to see nothing better than Ward's campaign to suddenly catch fire and the next round of polls show him running neck and neck with McPhail, Duggan and Smith. He is the best man for the job, unfortunately that qualification means little at the polls.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



Don't wimp out over merry-go-round

Call him Mayor Prophet.

Last September, he said, "I would recommend disbanding the Westland Festival Committee and having the city take the festival back. I would change the nature of the festival. Instead of being a big carnival for 300,000 people, it ought to be more family-oriented."

Restrict the beer tent, add on the Kidstent with its non-carny games and non-motorized play equipment, switch the parade from opening evening to Saturday, change the parade route, and, despite the balmy weather, poof went the 300,000 people, just like Mayor Bob Thomas urged.

Though this year's parade had a festival queen and her court in a Mustang convertible, columns of dancers, phalanxes of roller bladers, veteran color guards, riders on horseback, and over 20 floats, few spectators lined the streets.

What a difference from last year when an overflow crowd jammed the parade route, kids ran into the street for tossed candy, and motorcycle cops waved the kids back to their parents' arms. When the buzz of a happy crowd greeted the parade as it marched into the sun setting over city hall.

Though the attendance blowout fulfilled the mayor's prophecy, council members weren't happy.

"I saw a decrease in the number of people watching the parade," said Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli. "I don't know if it was because we switched the parade from Thursday to Saturday. The parade was always the festival's



Ivan Helfman

kickoff. Maybe we want to revisit the decision."

"Some said the numbers were down and it may have had that appearance, but I talked to the festival committee and they said the numbers were where they should have been," said Councilman Richard LeBlanc, who said that next year the parade will kickoff the festival on the Fourth of July, a first. Usually the festival leads into the Fourth and ends with a fireworks display.

"It happened because the festival would have conflicted with other festivals if it had began a week earlier," he said, sounding like the festival committee's decision was final.

If I may mimic the mayor and make a prophecy, I see another lead balloon. Unless the price of gas doubles again next summer, too many people will be out of town. So the committee has to figure out a way to reschedule the festival.

I have no idea which city's festival conflicts with Westland's, but the conflict should be the other city's problem.

What's the point of the politicians crowing about Westland being the state's ninth largest city if Westland wimps out whenever some other city picks a fight over

who gets the merry-go-rounds?

Then the committee must rethink this Kidstent business. On second thought, I'll rethink it for them: The Kidstent is not for kids, it's for parents who forgot what it's like to be a kid. Kids love carny rides. After all, this is America, the land of machines and the world's tallest roller coasters. Where the national motto is: the bigger the boys, the bigger the toys. Forget the inflated New Age bean bags and learning games with politically correct prizes. Kids prefer carny rides and games of chance with kewpie doll prizes.

Then there's the beer tent, which the festival committee had wanted to enlarge and move toward the music stage, but was stopped by the Westland police and city council.

"I'd like to eliminate the beer," LeBlanc had said.

Successful festivals, local or distant, do not shy away from beer. During the Plymouth Art Festival, beer is sold in the streets out of kegs. The festival thrives and Plymouth maintains a low crime rate, half Westland's.

The Munich Oktoberfest, the world's biggest festival, draws around 6 million visitors, who drink around 5 million liters of beer to go with their 200,000-plus platters of pork sausages.

With a return to the old parade schedule, carny rides for the kiddies, and more beer on tap, the mayor can once again predict 300,000 happy people on the city's streets again.

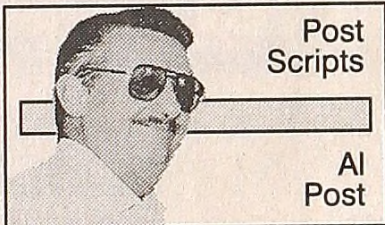
Firefighters' doors opening

The doors are apparently opening for Romulus firefighters' to air their views on the current department needs.

Even more important those same doors will allow the public - particularly those who have used the services of city police, fire department or ambulance services - to speak out also positively or negatively on those services.

Mayor William Oakley reveals that approximately 35 persons including himself, Fire Chief David Allison, newly hired consultant Richard Marinucci (who also serves as Farmington Hills fire chief) and Romulus volunteer firemen attended the first review session on fire department needs and issues.

Two important things reportedly happened that night at City Hall, namely that various Romulus firefighters were named as representatives to that review



Post Scripts

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committee.

And second Oakley revealed that he is asking that citizens with views on the city's fire department send them to his office.

This writer applauds those two actions - since it was recommended strongly several weeks ago that local firefighter input be added to any future plan or negotiations on new directions for fire safety and medical need services.

This writer also would invite persons sending letters or correspondence to Oakley to send copies to the *Michigan Community Newspapers* if they wish public dissemination of those opinions.

If citizens wish the media to

know their views, but not have them published that request also will be honored.

Some attending the sessions were reportedly not exactly thrilled with its outcome. But this writer prefers to remain optimistic - since it is a new opening of communication doors.

Hopefully both the city and school district leaders should not be too comfortable with the fact that only five percent of the registered voters turned out recently to cast their opinions on a combined city/school district ballot.

That is not a healthy sign.

A good news/bad news issue also must be reported. Oakley said it is felt that the growing fire department review team should meet about two times a month. That is good news.

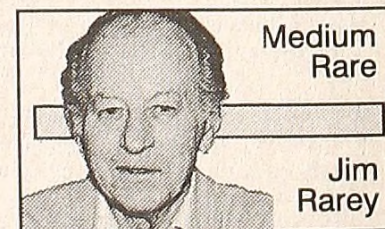
The fact that no date has been set for a follow-up meeting on the other hand is bad news.

Should state's power be curbed?

A propaganda war is looming on the horizon over an initiative that seems likely to appear on the November statewide ballot in Michigan.

Enough signatures appear to have been collected to allow voters to adopt an amendment to the state constitution that would make it more difficult for the state legislature to take away powers from local jurisdictions they currently possess.

The issue that gave impetus to the initiative drive was a new state law that strikes down residency requirements for city employees. However, much more is involved than that single issue.



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

The constitutional amendment would require a two-thirds majority vote before the state legislature could diminish local powers.

Opponents claim this would give a minority the ability to thwart the will of the majority and label it as an attack on "democracy." Proponents counter with the argument that local residents should be able make decisions af-

fecting them through their local governments.

In the last several decades, local communities has seen themselves stripped of the authority to regulate a host of activities including: siting of waste disposal operations, transfer of jobs involved in tax abatements and funding of local schools.

The U.S. Constitution established the principle in the tenth amendment (too often ignored by the courts) that the federal government has only limited and clearly defined powers and the rest of the powers are reserved "to the states and people respectively."

Thus, state legislatures can

pass laws that are binding on local governments as long as they do not infringe on the people's rights. Government at all levels has no "rights," only "powers" granted to it by the people and the federal and state constitutions.

The proposed amendment to the Michigan constitution would not establish the equivalent of a "tenth amendment." It would only make it more difficult to override local jurisdiction.

Perhaps a better approach would have been to define the powers of the state government and leave the rest of the powers at the local level.



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'Fab Four Lady' holds her own against 'Hippo Lady from Hell'

Letter to the Editor:

The Fab Four Lady here. I have many serious topics to discuss, but, for now, in THIS letter, I'll just get into some more timely LIGHTER topics regarding -- again -- Westland's social events. But wait, there's SOME good news THIS time!

Most everyone knows how I feel about most of Westland's social events, especially after the printing of my most recent articles. But, I decided to give the recent festival another try -- at least for the last two or three hours on the last day. And, I am happy to report that the "Yuck" status assigned to the fireworks display of former years has now been upgraded to "Hurrah!" For THIS year, anyway.

This year, the fireworks were fired closer together, the citizens were not sitting in a muddy baseball field (not that I know of), I smelled no pot (Did anyone else?) and I did not see "tree torches!" I would appreciate hearing the observations of others who attended the festival, as well.

Moving along. Now, you know that I am still against pig-out events such as pie-eating or any other food-eating contests. I think that it is horrible to teach, either through action or words, that overeating is a source of comfort, entertainment, or reward. And, about the latter: "A good deed is its own reward." No other reward, food or otherwise, is needed. The attitude that pigging-out is okay is the number one reason for our nation's epidemic obesity problem, and the resulting related health problems, such as heart disease and diabetes for starters. Call it what it is. A horror.

But, there is still hope for more fun. I think that marathons, instead, should be promoted for everyone -- for both adults and children. Give out awards for THOSE activities, as was done during the era of President Kennedy's "National Physical Fitness" programs. Look around, Westlanders! How many of your friends are in shape? I don't mean muscle-bound. I just mean not obese.

I was joking with Curtis and said, "Hey! I didn't see one tofu tent, anywhere! Where were the alfalfa and bean sprouts and bamboo shoots? All I saw was pizza, ice cream, and beer!" Clarification needed. Junk food in moderation is one thing. Living on it -- everyday -- all day long, is another. Trivia: A fun, different, "must-see" event in California is the annual garlic festival in the city of Gilroy.

Moving along. Other suggested fun activities. How about having dance contests or seeing who can sing the best (not me!) etc.? I, personally, will skip singing, but, I'll keep on dancing till all my veins pop and the osteoporosis kicks in! But, I would sure love to hear some fresh new voices! You know, crooning out some old torchy love song or something. Like OUR song, "Only You" by the Platters.

However, the Fab Four Lady is still not quite hip enough to do rappin'. Unless it's a comedy spoof, maybe. Oh, here's one. "There once was a Lady, her name was 'Fab.'" People said she really, really liked to gab. On the First of July she turned fifty-three. Like counting the rings on a big, OLD tree." Oh, shut up. Just shut up.

By the way, I FINALLY enjoyed dancing with my boyfriend of 18 years, Curtis Clyde Pigneguy. However, at one point, I had to hold my ground against some drunk, barefoot troll-in-a-tubetop charging hippo lady from Hell who, with her several friends, wanted to line dance me out of the dancing area.

I kept looking at her, as she staggered to and fro, wondering how long it took her to slam that body into those undersized shorts, which she evidently thought were so-o-o-o hot! Calling Richard Simmons! Moo-Mama attack! Well, in all fairness, I have to say that I have never seen the talents of a line-dancing bullmeister before! Toro! Toro! How insulting! Waltz me out? Maybe. Disco dance me out? Perhaps.

Line dance? Not on your life, honey!

A quick word about another social event: "Miss Westland." I think it is sad when the word, "morals" is used several times in a speech to vie for the crown. It doesn't impress me any more than the lack of talent. I wasn't going to watch it on TV at all, but, I was channel-surfing and just happened to click onto it. So, like the festival, I thought, I'd give the pageant another try, as well. Can you say, "Noisy mall background" boys and girls? How about "Political event?" Did I miss something? Was there singing, dancing, a swimsuit competition, a speech on world hunger? I mean, I did miss a lot. So, I don't really know. All I heard was. "I be-

lieve in morals. I believe in morals. I believe in morals." And, "I SAID. 'Good evening.'" As if to say, "Wake up, Stupid. I'm doin' a show!" I don't wish to hurt anyone's feelings, but the word, "morals" is a word invented by humans to herd everyone into one way of thinking. And to punish all others who think differently. Anyone who uses that word, "morals" has been brainwashed. Think more wisely upon the word "values."

And, for all those people, outside of the pageant, who believe in that word, please forget the "Spanish Inquisition / kill-everyone-in-the-name-of-God / holy war" attitudes. There is no such thing as a holy war. remember, that God is Love...not a word...espe-

cially, the word, "morality."

And, I think that future "Miss Westland" hopefuls should forget the worthless speeches and concentrate more on plucked eyebrows, trimmer figures, learning about makeup and hairdos, and fighting real causes. Such as crushing to death the word, "morals" and begin learning how to love.

Also, would the organizers of all social events please, please, please promote the belief that adults can and should do more than visit the beer tent, line dance, watch the kids, and vegetate? I think I'll upchuck the next time I hear someone say, "Ain't it grand watchin' young folks havin'"

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fun?" This "Depends" undergarments attitude has really got to go! Unless you really need them. And, you should really only wear them if they come in designer patterns and colors! You know, with something really hip written on them like, "I've fallen and I really did get back up and sued the guy who overwaxed the floor."

Adults in Westland need to know that life is not over after grade school! Stop vegetating and acting like old fogies before your time! Start being proud, not ashamed, of preserving youthful attitudes! Flaunt them, not suppress them!

Give out awards for those adults who have treasured, guarded, and protected the inner child and have remained forever "young at heart."

The Fab Four Lady, Angela Frances Todd

Husband sets record straight about Deborah Hessler-Davis

Letter to the Editor:
This is a response to the Sound Off entitled "Some recall people are addicted to seeing themselves on TV and in print" [that referred to Deborah Hessler-Davis]: My name is Mr. Leonard E. Davis and my wife is Mrs. Deborah Hessler-Davis. This is one thing my wife and I are proud to state, which the writer of the stated letter was not. Probably due to the fact that they don't have their facts straight.

Item #1, our house has not been sold, and is off the market at this time. Also at this point in time, my wife and I are pulling her son out of public school and putting him into a parochial school, due to the problems we have had with the Wayne-Westland school district over the past two years that involve the lack of accountability.

Item #2, we do not hold grudges against the city, only people that hold positions in the city who disregard the city charter and disrespect the people of the city of Westland.

Item #3, as everyone who watches the council meetings can see, my wife gets vocal, not combative, when she has a problem with someone or something. In the altercation that was mentioned in the letter, my wife was beaten in front of her 12-year old son on Sept. 29, 1999. The injuries she suffered were a detached retina and many scratches and bruises about her face, while her assailant came away with a few scratches on her knees and a reopened cut to her hand from a previous injury. Her assailant is the sister of a woman who had previously wrecked Deborah's 18-year-old son's new car, which was parked in the driveway of our house. This woman has not

completed payments to Deborah's son that the court has imposed. Also, the police did not interview her younger son until after Deborah attended both council meetings in October of 1999 and demanded that he be interviewed. This was after two separate statements were taken from both sisters (one statement from each sister at the scene, and another when the detective interviewed each sister away from the other at the police station) and between those four statements, there are four different versions of what happened.

The writer of the letter was right on one account, my wife has a paralegal education but has chosen not to work as a paralegal. She has not sued anyone to my knowledge. Neither she, nor I believe in suing for monetary gains, but we do believe in the right to sue for financial compensation for personal injuries or losses. However, if my wife was to sue anyone in court, the action would stem from our belief that we should all be held ac-

countable for our actions. This is why my wife has been so vocal at the council meetings. And, knowing Deborah as I do, she will continue to ask questions that she, and others, have the right to ask as long as the taxpayers of Westland are paying the bills.

In answer to the letter writer's last paragraph, what I see is a person who can't get their facts straight or has not researched their facts as well as the recall people do.

What about the real issues? What about the lost revenue to the city from forgiven taxes? What about the sweet land deals to certain developers? What about no accountability on city vehicle usage? Where is all the gas going? Who is taking it, how is it being used? For city business or personal pleasure? Why are there no odometer readings kept on city owned vehicles? Anyone reading the city charter will see that these items are contradictory to our city charter.

And what about the play-scape being built on top of a

former landfill? And, what about the dead ducks and geese found floating on Lake Friendship? Should the signs that say "Catch and Release Fishing Only" be changed to say "Fish Unsafe to Eat?" These are only a few of the issues that the recall people

have touched on. There are many many more to be exposed so stay tuned.

What I really think is that the person who wrote the previously stated letter has been trying to undermine the recall and discredit those people who are working for the good

of all Westland citizens. I hope that the citizens of Westland get their own copy of the city charter and read it, watch the council meetings and become informed and join the action to take back our city.

Proud to state my name, Mr. Leonard E. Davis.

News from our readers

Christopher John Weaver, a senior from Canton, was among 456 DePauw University students to be named to the school's Dean's List.

To be eligible, a student needs to earn at least a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 points.

Lorissa McKay of Canton was among four students to receive the Emerging Leader Award at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

A freshman majoring in sociology, McKay is a disc jockey for WUMD, the campus radio station.

Two local residents, **Mary M. Sanders** and **Joseph M. Tuma**, have joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program.

Sanders is a year 2000 graduate of Belleville High School and is slated to report for U.S. Army duty on July 26 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

She is the daughter of Christine N. and David P. Sanders of Belleville.

Meanwhile Tuma is set to report for duty at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. on July 12.

He is the son of Darlene J. Muldrum of Westland and Dan M. Tuma of Belleville.

Harrison Andrew Jarvis, son of Andrew and Bridget Jarvis of Westland, was born May 19, 2000 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

He weighed nine pounds and one ounce at birth and measured 21 and a half inches.

His grandparents include: Gloria Rowland of Wayne and Joseph and Candice Jarvis of Westland.

His great-grandparents include: William Jarvis of Westland and Andrew and Wilma Lopota of Westland.

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Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.
Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

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Precinct #5	South Middle School	45201 Owen St.
Precinct #6	Belleville High Auditorium	501 W. Columbia
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To renew the millage authorized in 1990, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2000 rollback rate of .9627 (about 96 cents per \$1000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2000 through 2009), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate \$35,914,278 in 2000.

YES
NO

PROPOSITION P PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 1996, shall Wayne county be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2000 rollback rate of .2486 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2001 through 2005) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$9,274,218 in 2001.

YES
NO

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 8, 2000 General Primary Election is Saturday, August 5, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

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Council may rename Inkster library in honor of Leanne Hicks

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Saying it was "only proper and fitting to do so," Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr. supported a Library and Historical Commission resolution to rename the Inkster Public Library in honor of longtime Inkster Historical and Library Commission president, Leanna Hicks. Hicks has served on the Library Commission for almost four decades. She recently suffered a stroke that has limited her activities. "When she heard that the commission wanted to rename the library in her honor," said Dosye Thompson, former daughter-in-law, and a close friend, "there were tears on her cheeks." In a letter from Sandra Markwart, chairperson of the Inkster Library and Historical Commission, commissioners urged mayor and council to pay tribute to Mrs. Hicks by renaming the library in her honor. "As you all are probably aware, Mrs. Hicks has been on the Library Commission over 36 years and has done more for the preservation of our city's history than can be documented here." Markwart also noted "Mrs. Hicks has recently suffered a stroke and is recovering." Council members Naomi James and Ernest Hendricks concurred. Hendricks asked whether there would be an official dedication ceremony, and City Manager Robert Gordon replied that he was not aware of one, but he felt there would be and would inform council about the commission's plans. Markwart also revealed that Terrence M. Hicks, Mrs. Hicks' grandson who had earlier met with the library commissioners in hopes that they would champion the cause to rename the facility, informed them that as an employee of the Ford Motor Company Trust, he had approached his superiors about getting a \$50,000 grant. The grant monies would be used to improve the library. "He (Terrence M. Hicks) has also informed us that Ford Motor Company may pay for the dedication ceremony if the renaming should occur," Markwart stated.



Leanne Hicks



Golden Age honorees

Longtime Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard (above, at left) presented county resolutions to three outstanding citizens for their contributions to community and achievements. The presentations were made during the annual "Golden Age" reception, hosted by the Senior Citizen's Committee of Top Ladies of Distinction, Michigan Metro Chapter, at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex. The theme for the program was *Seniors Blazing Through the New Millennium*. Honored by Beard and the commissioners were Frances Cunningham (from left), Margaret Logan and Teresa Moore. Betty Thomas is the chairperson of the committee and Janet Carter serves as Chapter President.

Church to hold a Flea Market

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

St. James United Methodist Church will be conducting a "Flea Market" Friday and Saturday, July 14-15 at the church, located 30055 Annapolis Road. Fish dinners, fish sandwiches, and delicious baked items may be purchased. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. Vendors who wish to rent

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REGULAR AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE City Council met at 7:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers on Monday, June 19, 2000 and at 7:05 p.m., at the Inkster Housing Commission on Wednesday, June 28, 2000. Present on 6/19/00: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Bostedor, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton. ABSENT: Councilwoman Coleman-Richardson. Present on 6/28/00: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Bostedor, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks, James and Mayor Hampton.

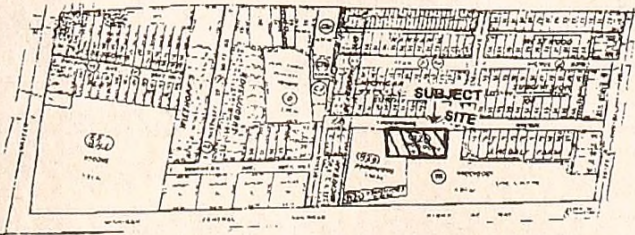
JUNE 19th: CONSENT Calendar items approved: Minutes from 6/5/00 and \$77,796.09 for Pension Payroll. APPROVED the following payments: \$10,903.25 to Milton Spokojny; \$159.00 and \$9,528.08 to Hamilton Anderson Associates; \$2,476.00 to National League of Cities; \$25,000.00 to Nankin Transit Commission. Curtisene Barge, Census Coordinator gave a progress report. MADE the following re-appointments: Jessie Moner to the Economic Development Corporation; Jessie Moner to the Tax Increment Finance Authority; James J. Collie and Deborah Owens to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Carmen Mitchell to the Local Minority and Female Business Enterprise Advisory Committee. APPOINTED Martin Bryant to the Parks & Recreation Commission. AWARDED the following contracts: \$22,900.00 to Kropf Service; \$11,535.00 to Kropf Service; \$11,600.00 J.H. Hart Urban Forestry; \$25,400.00 to Western Waterproofing Complex; \$18,000.00 to Torre & Bruglio, Inc.; \$13, 300.00 to Farrow Construction to demolish 3504 Ash, 3216 Harrison, 3730 Henry and 3312 Ludington. APPROVED purchase of Automatic Pool Vacuum Cleaner for swimming pool at Recreation Complex for \$2,339.94; entering into an agreement regarding Right-of-Way Permit and Facility Use with Metricom, Inc.; conveyance of Homestead properties located at 29640 Parkwood, 3030 John Daly and 4095 Williams; rescinded resolution 88-12-725 establishing Festival Commission. AUTHORIZED Parks & Recreation Director to attend conference in Phoenix, Arizona in an amount not to exceed \$1,533.00; solicitation quotes for 2001 City Calendar and Request for Proposals regarding new zoning code; request from Shane Eichelberger for a second six month extension to build home. APPROVED Offers to Purchase city-owned property (vacant lots): \$508.00 from Lennix E. Webster; \$1,500.00 from Wanda Moore; \$220.00 from Evone Bankhead; \$476.00 from Roger & Meredith Roberts; \$114.00 from James L. & Rose Gibson; \$1,120.00 from Lamar & Jacqueline Mathews. DENIED Offers to Purchase city-owned properties from Habitat for Humanity International.

JUNE 28th: Meeting was called to evaluate the City Clerk, however, other business was handled that was of an urgent nature and a full compliment of Council was present. AUTHORIZED AIG Insurance Companies offer for a thirty day-extension on General Liability, Auto Liability and Law Enforcement Professional Liability insurance and the retention of several insurance companies for a period not to exceed thirty days for other policies. MEETINGS adjourned at 9:50 p.m., and 10:45 p.m. (Full text available upon request). Publish: July 13, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE, SUBMITTED BY FIVE STAR WASTE SERVICES L.L.C., TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A SOLID WASTE TRUCK STORAGE FACILITY IN AN MB-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT. SECTION 155.045(C)(7), AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 277 (CITY ZONING CODE) STATES THAT OPEN STORAGE MAY BE ALLOWED PROVIDED THAT CONDITIONS IMPOSED ARE MET AND SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PRINCESS AND TROWBRIDGE AVENUES AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T.2 S., R. 10 E., CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING A PART OF A VACATED PORTION OF HANNAN'S MICHIGAN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION (LIBER 53, PAGE 4 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS), DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE TROWBRIDGE AVENUE (60 FEET WIDE) DISTANT N82 DEGREES 20'00" E 151.16 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WESTERLY LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION (ALSO BEING THE EASTERLY LINE OF MICHIGAN DEARBORN SUBDIVISION LIBER 57, PAGE 94 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID TROWBRIDGE AVENUE: PROCEEDING THENCE FROM THIS POINT OF BEGINNING N82 DEGREES 20'00" E 290.84 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF TROWBRIDGE AVENUE: THENCE S07 DEGREES 05'30" E 139.90 FEET; THENCE S81 DEGREES 26'07" W 17.19 FEET THENCE S79 DEGREES 54'56" W 73.42 FEET; THENCE S82 DEGREES 46'50" W 82.94 FEET; THENCE S81 DEGREES 26'07" W 13.49 FEET; THENCE S82 DEGREES 46'50" W 103.58 FEET; THENCE N07 DEGREES 13'06" W 142.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE WEST 10.00 FEET THEREOF AND TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS DESCRIBED AS PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T. 2 S., R. 10 E., CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING PART OF A VACATED PORTION OF HANNAN'S MICHIGAN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION LIBER 53, PAGE 4 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS), DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF TROWBRIDGE AVENUE (60 FEET WIDE), DISTANT N82 DEGREES 20'00" E 141.16 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION (ALSO BEING THE EASTERLY LINE OF MICHIGAN DEARBORN SUBDIVISION (LIBER 57, PAGE 94 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS) WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID TROWBRIDGE AVENUE: PROCEEDING THENCE FROM THIS POINT OF BEGINNING N82 DEGREES 20'00" E 10.00 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE OF TROWBRIDGE AVENUE: THENCE S07 DEGREES 13'08" E 142.02 FEET; THENCE S82 DEGREES 46'50" W 10.00 FEET; THENCE N07 DEGREES 13'08" W 141.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING ALSO SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER EASEMENTS, RESERVATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. PARCEL CONTAINS 41,363 SQUARE FEET (0.949 ACRES). (PROPERTY ID#44-021-99-0010-044, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 2642 PRINCESS)



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THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313) 563-3211.

Lawrence Chastang
City of Inkster
Planning Commission

PUBLISH: JULY 13, 2000

'Summerfest 2000'
City is ready to celebrate

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

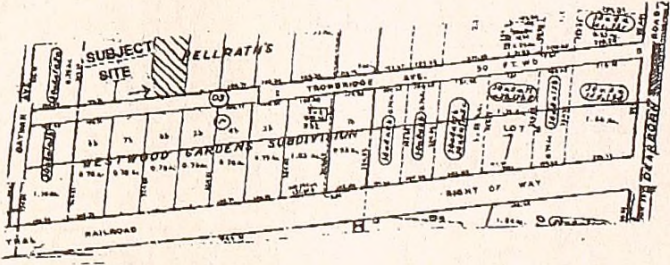
Alright Inkster. Get set. Get ready. And go to the "Inkster Summerfest" which is fast approaching. Festivities are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, July 19 and continue till Sunday, July 23, at the Floyd B. Simmons Multi-purpose Building. The facility is located at 29150 Carlyle Ave., in Inkster. Advance tickets are available for \$8. They are good for one all-day ride session. Here is the schedule for Summerfest 2000:

- **Friday, July 21:** Magic Show and Amateur Entertainment; Jerome J. A. Maher, Danesha Latham, Stephanie Jones, Tieane & Tyra Martin, Martyesha Benjamin, Ashley Kirkland, and Sharmia Holt;
- **Saturday, July 22:** "Reggie Reg" WJLB FM98 personality will entertain the crowds; several contests are scheduled; 3 on 3 basketball tournament; and a Summerfest Hotshot Contest. Live bands featuring Robert Penn; Mr. Melody, T. Turner and The Head Liners, Danny Williams, Terry & Lois Dews, Leslie Richelle, Young Rapper U.S.G., Michael Butler, Patrick Wimberly and Garon Smith are also scheduled to appear.
- **Sunday, July 23:** Special presentations by Ruth E. Williams, Summerfest Chairperson 2000. Summerfest officials promise that there will be "something for everyone."

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COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 412.44 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6, THENCE S 89 DEGREES 50'40" E 24.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 0009'20" E 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 50'40" E 22.00 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 30.00 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 50'40" W 22.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF SAID LOT 6: CONTAINING 660 SQ. FT. OR 0.015 ACRES MORE OR LESS; SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY, TOGETHER WITH A 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS-EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 530.32 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6 TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TROWBRIDGE ROAD (50 FT. WIDE), THENCE N 79 DEGREE 03'40" E 94.81 FEET ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 04 DEGREES 19'03" W 110.51 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 50'40" W 37.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING; AND TOGETHER WITH A 6 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 328.21 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 68 DEGREES 01'17" E 29.74 FEET; THENCE S 09 DEGREES 09'20" W 43.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING



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'98 Lincoln Continental

Auto, automatic climate control, full power leather, moon roof, CD & cassette, aluminum wheels.

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'99 Expedition XLT

Auto, air, 4.6L V-8, tilt, cruise, cassette, 3rd seat, running boards.

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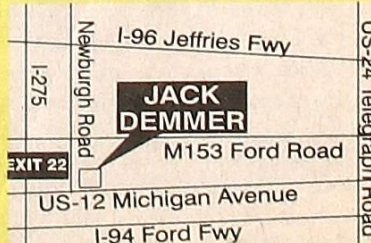
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SPORTS

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Can Westland repeat?

Best in Midwest to compete for Anderson Memorial softball title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Some of the best men's softball teams in the Midwest, if not the nation, are mobilizing their troops to make their annual assault on the city of Wayne. Their objective is to capture the 24th annual Leonard J. Anderson Memorial

Softball Tournament title. The title is presently in the hands of manager Larry Quartuccio, whose Westland-based team is considered a national title contender and is a favorite to repeat.

The Westland softball club plays under the multi-banners of LDJ/Varsity/Journeyman/Easton.

This year's tournament will

be hosted by Wayne and played on the Anderson Memorial Softball Field, located on Howe and Annapolis roads, located in the southeast quadrant of the city of Wayne. (Leonard J. Anderson served as a Wayne patrolman. He was shot and killed in late May of 1974 responding to a domestic quarrel complaint.)

Quartuccio helped organize

the tournament in Anderson's memory, the only Wayne police officer ever slain in the line of duty.)

The tournament will be staged three-days, beginning July 21 and includes the induction of a special group of players into the Hall of Fame.

Off of their performance this year and in previous years, the defending champ, Westland, is

considered this year's front runner. The Westlanders are currently ranked No. 3 in the nation's USSSA Class A rankings. The team has already qualified to compete in the USSSA Class A World Series and the ISA World Series. And Quartuccio's ball club will be playing on familiar turf.

However, despite his team's impressive credentials, Quar-

tuccio is the first to admit that "the field is loaded with talent."

The primary challenger to a Westland dynasty is Plumbers & Pipefitters, a team that happens to be presently ranked No. 1 in USSSA Class A Corporate Class. Metro Glass, another blue chip team out of

See **SOFTBALL**, page B-2

Deisler stays on course

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne's Terry Deisler remained on course last week and fired an 81 at Reddeman Farms Golf Course to repeat as the First Flight, Low Gross medalist for the second week in the Women's Suburban Golf Association.

Lillian Vandenbroeker, of Dearborn Heights, turned in the Low Net score for the First Flight. She carded a four-under-par 68.

In the meantime, Mary Allen, also from Wayne, toured the Reddeman Farms Course with an 88 to finish atop of the field in the Second Flight. There were three golfers who checked in with 67s in the race for Low Net medalist honors in the flight. The trio included: Mary Jean Stefanac, of Dearborn; Dolly Vettese, of Northville, and Lori Wilson, a Livonia golfer.

Finally, in the Third Flight, Dearborn Heights' Pat Wilson's 97 stood up as the best in the Low Gross category, while there was a two-way tie for the Low Net honors. Helen Demshuk and Dorothy Cortes finished with 74s.

In the meantime, local and area women golfers are invited to compete in the annual City Championship Golf Tournament, hosted by the Wayne and Westland Parks and Recreation Departments.

The annual summer classic will be staged Aug. 5-6 at the Woodlands of Van Buren.

The tournament decides the city championships for the cities of Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Garden City, Inkster and the townships of Canton and Van Buren.

There is also an Open Division.

The entry fee is \$75 per competitor, which covers greens and trophy fees.

For further information about the golf tournament, please contact Jeff Rutter, at Wayne Parks and Recreation, 734-721-7400.



The Colts strung together five straight victories in Farmington over the weekend to capture top honors at the North Farmington Baseball Invitational. Wayne's lineup included team members Pete Bednarz (front row), Skip Monit, coach Brayman, Manager Jeff Auer; second row are Ray Perusse, Andy Caldwell, Jason Shay, Ross Reynolds, and assistant manager Monit. In the third row are coach Green, coach Joel Doyen, Chris Cox, Willie Brayman, Tony Barber, Joel Doyen, Smith and Bobby Bailey.

Combined effort Colts win Farmington baseball title

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

A team that works together and plays together usually emerges as a winner.

That was definitely the case last weekend for the combined lineups of the Wayne Colt teams that traveled to the North Farmington Invitational and returned with five victories and the tournament championship.

Managers Jeff Auer and Skip Monit were pleased with the overall performances of their players, who outscored their opponents 70-22 in the five-game tournament.

Wayne clashed with a capable and stubborn host, North's W.B. Friedman, in the championship round of the tournament and Colt hurlers Bobby Bailey, who pitched four innings, and Tony Barber, who worked three innings on the mound, did a commendable job against their opponents.

Bailey and Barber received ample support from their teammates, especially from Chris Cox, who had a perfect 3-for-3 day at the plate, including three runs

batted in.

Also, Andy Caldwell chipped in with three hits in five at-bats and also knocked in a run, while Nick Smith contributed an extra base hit and an RBI.

Wayne launched the series against Walled Lake. It was no-contest for the Colts, who crushed their opponents 18-1 as Auer and Monit had an opportunity to use three pitchers in the opener - Ross Reynolds, Ray Perusse and Pete Bednarz, who each pitched two innings.

Cadwell began the tournament with a perfect 3-for-3, including two RBIs and Chris Cox chipped in a pair of doubles in three appearances at the plate. Cox also got credit for three RBIs.

In the second round, Wayne discovered how tough the Plymouth-Salem Rocks can be at times. Colts rallied to a 8-3 victory.

Reynolds and Perusse split the pitching chores, with Perusse working five of the seven frames. He helped his own cause with two hits and three runs batted in.

Caldwell also accounted for two hits.

Wayne outlasted North Farmington's W. B. Gersten in its third test, 17-8, as Jason Shay pitched three innings and Shay worked three and Joel Doyen and Pete Bednarz also made cameo appearances on the Wayne mound.

Cox produced three RBIs from two of his hits. Brayman and Monit each chipped in with a pair of hits.

In the semifinals, Wayne whipped Walled Lake again. This time the Colts rode into the sunset with a 13-4 victory, but only after the Lakes gave them champs a scare.

Walled Lake led 4-1 early in the game, but Wayne came back and scored 12 unanswered runs for the victory.

Caldwell, Bobby Bailey and Tony Barber all saw action on the mound, while at the plate, it was Ray Perusse and Jason Shay who led the assault against Lakes' pitching. Perusse had a perfect 3-for-3 day, with two runs batted in and Shay came up with a pair of hits in three appearances at the plate.

City championship golf tournament's ranks filling quickly

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The field for the 2000 City Championship Golf Tournament is quickly filling, according to tournament director Jeff Rutter.

"We did receive excellent response from those who have played in this tournament in previous years, and it appears as if we're going to have another exciting turnout this year," Rutter said.

The summer classic, in its 39th year, will be staged Aug. 5 and Aug. 6 at the Woodlands of Van Buren in Van Buren Township. Competitors will compete for the city championships for the cities of Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Inkster, along with Canton and Van Buren townships.

Rutter stressed that golfers outside of the designated communities who have traditionally been involved in the tournament may also compete, but they will be assigned to an Open Division.

Also, each city must have a minimum of six golfers or those entered in the tournament will be assigned to the Open Division.

"This tournament is based on the actual scores over the two-days of competition," said Rutter. "Golfers will be placed into flights based on their first day's scores. In the finals, we usually like to send off the

first-round leaders first."

Competitors who finish in the top three places in each of the divisions will be awarded trophies. In case of a tie for one of the trophies, those involved are invited to conduct a "sudden death" playoff to determine the winner of the trophy.

The top five finishers, both men and women, in the Championship Flights, may be eligible to compete for the state Recreation Golf Tournament Championship.

In order to be eligible to compete at state, the golfer must be a bona fide resident of the city he represents.

The state tournament will be staged on Sept. 16 in the city of Livonia.

There is a \$75 per player entry fee. This fee covers the greens' fees for both days and the costs of trophies. However, the fee does not cover the rental of a golf cart.

Women from the designated area (See related story on this page) are also invited to compete in the tournament.

The 2000 City Golf Championships are sponsored by the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department; Westland Parks and Recreation; Westland Municipal Golf Course, and the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

Competitors who need further information are urged to contact Jeff Rutter at 734-721-7400.

Fall prep sports dates

Would you believe the 2000-2001 high school sports season is only three weeks away?

The Michigan High School Athletic Association this week announced the official starting dates for the high school fall sports programs, and the opening day for boys golf practice has been established as Aug. 10. Competition in the sport begins on Aug. 14.

MHSAA officials say that

football coaches may call their first practice of the 2000 season on Aug. 7. There will also be rules' meeting on that date for the following sports: Football, girls' basketball and soccer.

The first regularly-scheduled football game may be staged beginning Thursday, Aug. 24.

The MHSAA is a non-profit agency which governs high school athletics in the state.

On the road, again Wayne Wolves win Ohio Invitational

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne-Ford Wolves were on the road, again, last week and they managed to win four of their six games at the Ohio Invitational and the Ohio Invitational Championship.

"The pieces are beginning to really fall into place for us," said Wayne-Ford Wolves manager Bill Hardin, whose team is preparing to travel to Florida next week to compete in Disney World's Salute to Sports Baseball Classic.

"It is one of the toughest tournaments, but our kids are looking forward to the challenge and, of course, the trip," said Hardin, commenting on the upcoming trip.

In Ohio, the Wolves opened the series against Homer, Illi-

...our kids are looking forward to the challenge and, of course, the trip.
- Bill Hardin

nois and, thanks to superb pitching performances by the duo of Jerrell Terry and Chris Holcomb, Wayne surfaced with an 8-4 victory.

The game was closer than the score indicates. It took Billy Hardin's top of the seventh single, which scored Nathan King with the go-ahead run, to finally break a 4-all tie.

The victory advanced the Wolves into the second round where they met and defeated a team out of Strongsville, Ohio. But the Wayne ball club needed a rally. The needed kindle-wood came from Alex Conant and Josh Brauer's bats,

whose back-to-back hits scored a couple of runs that helped to eliminate the early deficit.

Conant and Brauer each drilled three hits that made the difference in the Wolves' 12-8 victory.

Unfortunately, the euphoria didn't last for Wayne.

Maryland's Cardinals burst Wayne's bubble, 15-14, in their next outing to the diamond, to become the first team to taint the Wolves' tournament record. Apparently the Wolves didn't have enough time to recover from the shock of their first loss, and in the aftermath of the loss, they also had to set-

tle for a 12-12 tie with a team out of Toledo, Ohio.

However, the Wolves' record of 2-1-1 was good enough to provide them with a ticket to the semifinals where they clashed with Wallen, Indiana, a team that had "mercied" them a year ago.

In their first meeting of the 21st Century, however, the Wayne Wolves shut their nemesis out, 3-0, as Terry and Holcomb combined for a three-hitter.

Key hits by Terry Matchulat, King, Hardin, Conant, and J.J. Pierce provided the local ball club with all the runs they needed to avenge their '99 loss.

And all three runs came in the top of the seventh, breaking up a pitching duel.

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Double-crown

The Broncos-Cardinals brought the curtains down on a successful baseball season recently by winning the league title, then adding the tournament crown to their successes. The champs finished the year with a 11-1 year in the Westland Youth Athletic Association. Members of the team, pictured above, are Shawn King, Ian Pacheco, Justin Reid, Kenny Warren, Josh Neldon, Jon McCahill, Alex Koenig, Cory Oglesby, Chris Gibson, Charlie Thornton, Andrew Pucci, Mitchell Murphy, Manager Bob Zickafoose and Coach Curt Koenig.

Sports Beat

Attention WYAA junior gridders

If you're planning to compete in the Westland Youth Athletic Association football leagues this fall, it's time to register.

WYAA officials announced last week that they are accepting registration for the Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity squads for the 2000 season.

Players, subject to weight guidelines, must be between the ages of 5 to 14 who will play on the WYAA's Comets or Meteor teams.

Registration will be accepted at the WYAA Compound, located at 6050 Farmington Road, two blocks north of Ford Road. Prospective players may sign up between the hours of 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 10 to noon on Saturday.

WYAA is also looking for cheerleaders for its two teams.

Interested persons who plan to have their children play for the Meteors are asked to contact **Ken Smith** at 728-9237. **Keith DeMolay** is the Comets' contact person.

Romulus among Parade of Champs

Among the 95 different schools that were crowned as champions during the 1999-2000 school year was Romulus High School which earned the unique honor for winning the Division 2 State Track & Field Championship.

The Eagles won their first state track title under the guidance of coach **Norb Glover**, who was also the *Michigan Community Newspapers'* Coach of the Year in Track.

According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, during the past school years there were a total of 112 team champions in 111 classes or divisions.

Schools which won their first MHSAA title in any sport were: Detroit City in boys basketball; Utica, in

girls' basketball; St. Charles, in football, and Bay City Western and Traverse City Christian in boys golf.

In addition, there were 35 schools which won tournament titles in a given sport for the first time.

Golf tourney benefits police

Just a reminder that golfers who want to improve their games and help a good cause may do so by participating in a tournament that will benefit public safety in Belleville and Van Buren Township.

The **Citizens to Improve Public Safety** is hosting a **Night Golf** program beginning at 8 p.m. on July 15 at the Pine Creek Golf Course, in Van Buren Township.

Vicki Childs and **Michael Doyle** are co-chair of the tournament and they are seeking Hole-in-One sponsors and "a lots of golfers".

The co-chairs also note that "if you're unable to golf or sponsor the program, but wish to make a donation, mail your check payable to C.H.I.P./100 Club to P.O. Box 368, Belleville, Mich. 48112

Want to improve gymnastics skills?

Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation officials also continue to offer gymnastics workshops for youngsters 7-years-old and up.

The workshops will be staged at the Van Buren Municipal Center gymnasium, 46425 Tyler Road. There is a \$25 per session registration fee. Non-residents are welcomed. Fee for out-of-townners is \$40.

There is time to sign up for the second session which is scheduled for July 15, and the third will begin on Aug. 19.

The classes stress the fundamentals of gymnastics. Qualified instructors will be on hand to conduct classes. Participants are urged to bring a light lunch and beverage.



A 'Cinderella' team

The Shetland Angels completed a magical "Cinderella" softball season in the Westland Youth Athletic Association league thanks to an exciting 15-13 victory over the Devil Rays in the Shetland Tournament championship game. The Angels, who finished with an overall 10-6 won-lost record, are pictured above with their coaching staff. The team lineup includes Julie Pack (front row, from left), Jennifer Engle, Latosha Davenport, and Rita Khoury; in the middle row are Chelsea Khan, Chelsie Eisiminger, Trinity Louis, and Alison Wilmoth; and in the third row are coach Keith DeMolay, Molly Tracy, Manager Gary Pack, Lorraine Wood and coach Pete Davenport.

Canton golf date is set

Canton Township recreation officials remind golfers who plan to attend the township's annual Junior Golf Clinic that there is still time to register.

The clinics will be staged July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2.

Officials say that the first clinic will be staged from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., then they will set up times by age and skill levels.

The clinics will be held at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

Participants will need tennis or golf shoes, a 3 or 5 wood or 7 or 9 iron and putter to take part in the classes.

There is no residency requirements, and those interested may sign up between the hours of 8:20 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Canton Parks and Recreation Offices, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Mich. 48188.

Softball

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Westland, is another solid ball club, also has its designs on the tournament championship.

The field of contenders includes the following teams: Wayne Oakland Police; Lou's Softball Club (Westland); Pace/TPS, a Rochester, New York team that has some of the nation's top players in its lineup.

Rounding out the field are: Red Wing Shoes (Monroe); Metro Glass/Interstate Batteries-Westland; North End Dogs (Toledo); Binks Forest Golf (New Boston); Atlas Limo (Westland); ABT (Northville); Northridge Church/Benitos (Wayne) and Harlans (Browns-town).

Wolves

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The Wolves reached the finals, a rematch with the Cardinals, and manager Hardin's team was ready. They jumped out to a 2-0 lead, increased the margin, 6-0 before, the Cardinals managed to organized a counter-offense which fell short, 11-6.

It was the familiar duo of Holcomb and Terry that got the job done for Wayne on the mound. When backed up against the wall, the two Wayne hurlers pitched themselves out of trouble.

At the plate, Wayne had several outstanding batters: Jarrell Terry batted .591 for the series; Hardin and Conant each checked in with .529; Josh Brewer hit .474; and Byron Glenn, .421.

Aaron Polkowski's on-base percentage was a remarkable .778.

Hardin said that defense was crucial in the Ohio series and he commended several players, including J.J. Pierce, Elliott Hall, Will Lewis, Jacob Green and Toby Matchulat for their contributions.

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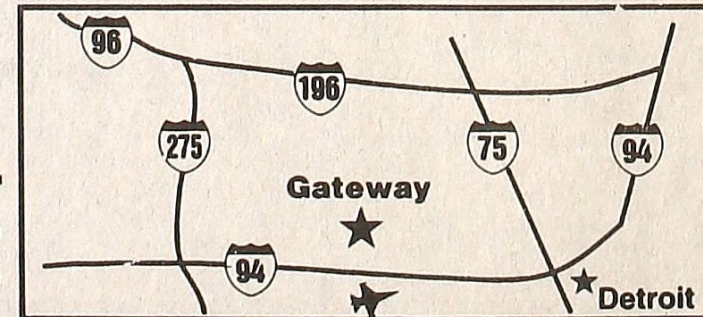
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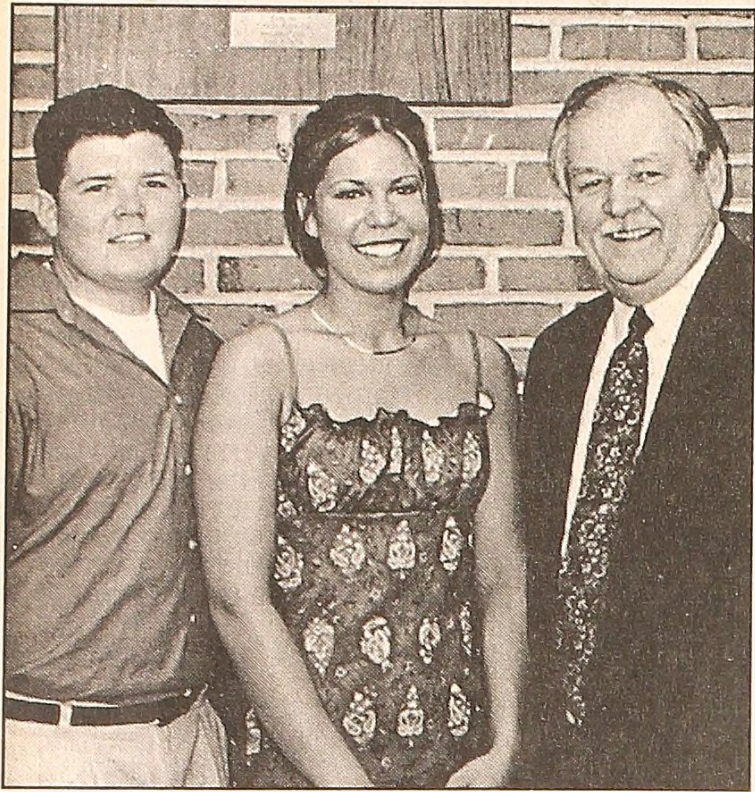
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People in the news

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Romulus Mayor William Oakley (right) congratulates two scholarship winners, Jason Orme and Ruby Lee. MCN Special Photo

People in the news...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Amanda F. Long of Westland is a recipient of a Superior Coffee Culinary Arts Scholarship. Long is a student at the Johnson and Wales University in North Miami, Fla. Superior Coffee is a food service coffee supplier, serving independent restaurants, regional and national chains, hotels, hospitals and universities.

Brian Franz of Canton was among nine students to receive the Leadership Synergy Award at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's 20th annual Student Leadership Awards Ceremony. The staff at the Student Activities Office selected the recipients based on outstanding leadership development and achievement. A senior majoring in English, Franz has attended numerous workshops, summer institutes, camps and statewide leadership forums to hone his skills. "Franz has been the driving force behind inter-varsity's leadership team. His ability to communicate clearly and motivate group efforts toward a common goal keeps the group focused and on track, both organizationally and socially," said Richard Sypula, director of the student activities in Dearborn.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Natural Resources, the Charter Township of Van Buren will be holding three Public Hearings in order to receive input and suggestions from the residents on the Charter Township of Van Buren Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The first Public Hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Recreation Committee meeting on June 13, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

The second Public Hearing will be held at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting on June 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Final Public Hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on July 18, 2000 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at the Van Buren Township Hall located at 46425 Tyler, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111.

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2 Romulus students given scholarships

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Two Romulus High School students, one from the Class of 1999 and the other from the Class of 2000, have been awarded \$1,000 college scholarships by Mayor William Oakley's Anti-Substance Abuse Task Force. The students are: Jason Orme, the 1999 graduate now attending Schoolcraft College, and the other is Ruby Lee, a year 2000 graduate, who plans to attend the University of

Michigan-Dearborn this fall. She will major in computer science. Police Officer Jeff Lazarski said Orme hopes to enter the field of law enforcement upon his graduation. The two winners came from a field of 17 applicants, Lazarski said. The scholarships are awarded for community service involvement or for financial need to obtain a future educational degree. Applications for the year 2001 are now available at Oakley's office in City Hall.



Amanda F. Long

Plymouth Symphony director appointed

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Darlene A. Dreyer - former personnel manager of the University of Michigan Symphony Orchestra - has been named as the new director of the Plymouth Symphony. Dreyer earned a Master of Arts in Music History degree from the University of Michigan and bachelor degrees in music and engineering physics from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. Stating she "loves music," Dreyer said, she is "eager" to play her part in developing a variety of musical exchanges between the symphony and the greater Plymouth-Canton area. She also enjoys traveling, ballroom dancing, playing the flute and listening to all types of music. The symphony will mark its 55th anniversary with a family concert entitled *Music for Young People of All Ages* at 2 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Plymouth Canton High School Cafeteria.

For more information call 734-451-2112.

Scott Edwards of Wayne received the Chancellor's Medallion for outstanding academic achievement from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Edwards was one of five students to receive such an award. He also earned a bachelor of arts degree and an elementary teaching certificate with high distinction. Edwards majored in social studies with a minor in language arts. He also minored in African and African-American studies. His community activities include volunteering as a T-ball coach for the Wayne-Westland Youth Athletic Association, serving on a neighborhood improvement committee and the Wayne-Westland PTA. Edwards also participated in the UM-Dearborn Early Literacy Program at Thorne Primary School and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Day.

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CORLEY-DUNLAP, JaSHAWN
DAVENPORT, AUBREY C.
HAMMONS, TAVIANNA A.
HARRIS, L.D.
HUMBLE, MARY C.
JOLLY, RICHARD A.
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McMILLAN, ALEX
MEADS, SON W.
MELTON, MARY M.
MERIWETHER, BRANDON A.
MULLER, CARLOS S.

Age 66 of Westland passed away on June 27, 2000. A beloved wife to William J. Bakka. A dear father to Dennis (Julie) Bakka, Deborah (Ted) Williamson, Gerald Bakka, and Gina (Gary) Dowd. She is also survived by brother Charles (Bessie) Brookman, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Services were held Vermeulen Funeral Home.

BENNETT, ELMER (AL)
Of Garden City, passed away on June 28, 2000. A loving husband to Betty, and a beloved father to Dave (Lori) Bennett, Vendia (J.D.) Carlton, and Lawrence Grandfather to 9 and great-grandfather to 7. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne, and interment at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth, Michigan.

BERNARD, DORTHY M.
Age 71 of Belleville, passed away on June 29, 2000. A dear mother of Linda (Terry) Cochran, Joann (John) Finn, Henry (Theresa) Gray, and Terry (David) Papuzynski. Dear sister to Irene Wells, John (Dorothy) Kaminski, Rita (Troy) Williams, Evelyn (Leo) Fedoruk, Greg (Vern) Kaminski, and Rosemary Sluck. Survived by 7 grand children and one great-grandchild. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

BLANTON, MARK A.
Age 70 of Westland passed on June 27, 2000. A dear husband to Isabelle, and a dear father to Carol (Dale) Burger, Marlene Blanton, Linda (Edi) Perkins, Cyndie (Dennis) Milligan, Dorrie (Bob) Mathiak, Mary Clarke, Mark Blanton Jr., Keith (Robin) Clarke. He is survived by 3 brothers, a sister and many grandchildren as well as great-grandchildren. The services were held at Uht funeral home in Wayne, with interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

BROWN, VICTOR
Age 35 of Wayne, passed suddenly. Dear father of Victor and Jeffery. Dear son of John W. Brown III and Josephine Shyven. Dear grandson of Anna Alfieri. Dear brother of John, Joe, and Anna. Funeral was held at St. Raphael Catholic Church, with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

CARRICO JR., JAMES E.
Age 70 of Belleville passed on June 29, 2000. A beloved husband to Eleanor, and dear father to Thomas Carrico, James (Sandra) Carrico III, Barbara Carrico, and Roberta (Ronald) Fisher. He is also survived by sister Mary Carrico, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

CORLEY-DUNLAP, JASHAWN
Infant child from Inkster who passed away on June 13, 2000. She leaves behind her parents Shawllica Corley and Roderick Dunlap, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and relatives. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home.

DAVENPORT, AUBREY C.
Age 72 of Belleville, passed away on July 8, 2000. A beloved husband of Christine (Prater) Davenport, and a dear father to Harlan (Sara) Davenport, Diane (David) Holland, Steve (Becky) Davenport, and Mark (Theresa) Davenport. He is survived by his sister Cleo Jacobs, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents Hardie C. and Della M. (Smith) Davenport, and his 3 brothers Paul, Hardy, and Bill. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, with interment at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

HAMMONS, TAVIANNA A.
Of Inkster passed away on June 12, 2000. An infant daughter of GeNet Hammons and Andra Avant. She leaves behind 2 grand mothers, Michelle and Virginia. Grandfather, Raymond, 2 great-grandparents, Velma and Adrienne, God Mother, Kelina as well as family. The services were held at Penn Funeral Home.

HARRIS, L.D.
Age 80 of Inkster, passed on June 14, 2000. A beloved husband to Addie. He leaves behind 10 children, Grace, Mattie, Monica, Larry, Harry, Marvin, Terry, Cheryl, James, and Billy. He also leaves behind 24 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. The services were held at Penn Funeral Home.

HUMBLE, MARY C.
Of Westland died at age 89 on June 27, 2000. Survived by 2 sisters, Shirley Harbut and Elsie Kuczek. Also by nieces and nephews, Shirley Bayles, Susan Burek, Dr. Michael Harbut. Dear aunt to Joann Mroz and Herbert Mills. The services were at Uht funeral home in Wayne, with interment at Glenwood Cemetery.

JOLLY, RICHARD A.
Age 61 of Westland passed away on July 3, 2000. A loving husband to Ruth and a dear father to Kimberly (David) Meixner, Melody Jolly, and Richard A. (Claudia) Jolly. He is survived by Paul E. Jolly, Robert Jolly, Alice McConnell, and Lucille (Gerald) Foote. He is also survived by 3 grandchildren, Ryan, Erik, and Brittney. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

KORNOWSKI, VIOLA D. (FAWL)
Age 90 of Belleville passed away on July 1, 2000. Dear mother of Donald Fawl, and Carolyn J. (Emery) Duperron. She is also survived by 2 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Theodore Fawl and Boniface Kornowski, and 2 sisters, Frances Michalek and Agnes Cungla. Services were held at St. Anthony Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

LEDESMA, ROSEMARY
Age 68 of Wayne passed away on July 1, 2000. A dear father to Robert (Christine) Ledesma, Dolores (Terry) Mellon, Rose Ann (Mark) Marr, Anthony Ledesma, Marie Donner, Katherine Devine, Rosemary (Mark) Rubin, and Paul Ledesma. A dear brother to Roy McMann, Frank McMann, Robert McMann, Barbara Hernandez, Jacqueline McMann, and Stephanie McMann. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home.

MATTHEWS, WALTER
Age 67 of Inkster passed away on June 14, 2000. He leaves behind 2 nieces, Rosa and Nancy, one nephew, Larry, great nephew, Maurice, his companion for many years Lucille Butler, family, and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Tri-County Cremation Services.

MCCORMICK, JAMES S.
Age 78 of Westland passed away on July 5, 2000. He left behind son, James (Sandra) McCormick, Robert (Mary) McCormick, Gary Billings, daughter, Patricia Voge, Sisters, Thelma McCormick, Bert Gardner, Marcel Fuller, Veri Ignatonich, brothers Don McCormick and Elmer McCormick. He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

McMILLAN, ALEX
Age 59 of Inkster passed away on June 15, 2000. Beloved husband of Alma. He leaves behind 4 children Edward, Glenda, Linda, and Alexander. He leaves behind brothers Moses, Amos, and George, along with grandchildren, family, and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park.

MEADS, SON W.
Of Ypsilanti passed away at age 77 on June 16, 2000. A beloved husband to Topsy. He leaves behind a daughter, Sundra, 5 sons, George, Vance, Bruce, Cornelius, and Milton, one godson, Otha, 4 sisters, 1 brother, 13 grandchildren, family and friends. Services were held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

MELTON, MARY M.
Age 70 of Belleville passed on June 28, 2000. A beloved wife of Eugene. A dear mother to Judy (Donald) Stamper, Jimmy (Brenda) Melton, Michael (Pamela) Melton, and Lisa (Tommy) Pulley. Also survived by three grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral home, with the interment at Sloop Cemetery.

MERIWETHER, BRANDON A.
Age 5, of Romulus, passed away on June 25, 2000. Dear son of Tommy North II and Charm Learst. Also survived by a brother, Jacob North, 3 aunts, 1 uncle and grandparents, Richard Bickli, Tommy and Lisa North, and Mike and Ruth McNeil. Services were held at Uht funeral home and interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

MULLER, CARLOS S.
Infant child of Westland passed away on July 6, 2000. He is survived by mother Ava, half brother Dominique, grandparents Cynthia Gordon, and Jose Muller, and great-grandmother Julia Muller. He is preceded in death by father Craig Muller. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home in Wayne, with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

MULLER, CRAIG S.
Of Westland passed away on July 6, 2000 at the age of 38. He is survived by his parents Cythia Gordon and Jose Muller, his brother Robert, and his grandmother Julia Muller. Services were held July 11, 2000 at Uht Funeral Home, with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF LETTING

BID NUMBER 00/01/07

CITY OWNED PROPERTY

BUILDABLE LOTS

Sealed Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485 until 2:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time on July 27, 2000. Bids will be opened at 2:15 p.m. on July 27, 2000 in the City of Romulus Conference Room. (Lower level).

FOR SALE CITY OWNED PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET LOCATION	LOT SIZE
1. 003-99-0010-000	Middlebelt	66x600
2. 015-99-0013-001	Washington	73x363
3. 020-01-0080-300	Park Place	60x133
4. 020-01-0166-300	Vinewood	90x125
5. 020-02-0017-000	Wayne Rd./Cypress	84x130
6. 020-03-0017-000	Waynecorse	60x240
7. 020-03-0020-000	Waynecorse	60x240
8. 020-03-0045-303	Arlene Ct.	Irregular shaped
9. 044-01-0361-300	Farnum	80x135
10. 044-01-0485-300	Burton	80x134
11. 077-04-0044-301	Wahrman	60x143

BID PACKETS may be picked up at the City of Romulus Assessor's office.

City of Romulus Assessor's Office.

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July 13, 2000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF INKSTER

COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY SDS WIRELESS, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO COLOCATE AN ANTENNAE ONTO AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED IN AN M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) DISTRICT. SECTION 155.067(B), AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 277 (CITY ZONING CODE), STATES THAT TELEVISION, RADIO, TELEPHONE, DIGITAL, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS OR ANTENNAE, PUBLIC UTILITY MICROWAVES, AND PUBLIC UTILITY TELEVISION OR RADIO TRANSMITTING TOWERS OR ANTENNAE AND THEIR ATTENDANT FACILITY SHALL BE PERMITTED IN M-1 ZONING DISTRICTS AND ONLY WHEN THE SITE IN QUESTION IS SURROUNDED BY M-1 ZONING DISTRICT AND FURTHER SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON NORTH INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, EAST OF HENRY RUFF ROAD AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

LOT 5 OF "INDUSTRIAL ACRES SUBDIVISION", A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T2S, R9E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 98, PAGES 83 AND 84, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. (PROPERTY ID #44-020-03-0006-306)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, JULY 24, 2000. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE NO. PC2K-17 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313) 563-3211.

Lawrence Chastang
City of Inkster
Planning Commission

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Local HAPPENINGS

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

POLKA ACTS SLATED at the Wayne County Parks Polka Fest 2000 slated from noon to 9 p.m. on July 8 and 9 at the Hines Park- Warrendale Picnic Area in Dearborn Heights. Admission is free. Various performers will entertain both days and this year's event will include a beer tent and food concessions. Festival goers will be allowed to polka all day and into the evening hours. The picnic area is located off Warren Avenue, just east of Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. For more information call 313-261-1990.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL sponsored by the Wayne Historical Society from 2 to 4 p.m. July 16 on the Wayne Museum's lawn at 1 Town Square. The museum will also be open to the public at that time. For more information call Gloria Dillingham at 734-721-8843.

CZECH AND SLOVAK AMERICAN FESTIVAL is slated from 2:30 to 11:30 p.m. July 22 and from 1:30 to 8 p.m. July 23 in the Yack Arena, 3131 Second St. in Wyandotte. Admission is \$6 for adults and children 14 and under admitted free.

FREE HEALTH AND SAFETY DAY for new born children and up to the age of eight from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Atrium at the Oakwood Hospital, 18101 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Registration for the event and immunizations and health screenings is needed by calling 313-593-5925.

WILBUR WRIGHT SCHOOL REUNION for the Class of 1962 is seeking to contact classmates for its 40th year reunion. Please call Don Simms at 248-814-9425 or Jacqueline Bartley at 248-442-8851 if you are a classmate or know of a classmate.

VICTORIAN TEA SOCIETY will present its annual "Tea on the Porch" program featuring Victorian Fans at its 2 p.m. July 22 meeting. The fan session will be conducted by Grace Cornish - who has collected hundreds of fans from all over the world. The Tea Society now has members residing in Belleville and Canton as well as many other nearby communities. For more information call 734-483-5583.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS Downriver Chapter a369 is planning a Pig Roast and Dance from 9 a.m. July 15 to 1 a.m. at the Taylor Moose Picnic Area, 9981 S. Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard Roads in Taylor. Cost is \$15 for dinner and dance or \$6 for the dance only. Dinner starts about 7 p.m. and the dance at 9 p.m. For more information call PWP President George Graff at 313-388-8488.

2000 WAYNE COUNTY FAIR a six-day event slated at the Wayne County Fairgrounds will begin July 18. Fairgrounds is located at I-94 and Belleville Road in Belleville, although youth animal judging and an antique tractor pull will occur on July 17.

BOYS WORLD SERIES The Canton Softball Center will host the USSSA Boys Baseball World Series 14 and under from July 16 through July 23. Teams will come from various cities around the U.S. For more information call the World Series Headquarters at 734-483-5600.

FATHERS FOR EQUAL RIGHTS OF AMERICA meeting is slated for 7 p.m. July 19 at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. in Oak Park. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Issues discussed will be divorce, custody of children, visitation denial, kidnapping, false charges, etc. For more information call 248-354-3080.

WAYNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL is slated for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at No. 1 Town Square in Wayne.

CANTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays during July and August.

CHADSEY HIGH REUNION the classes of 1934-50 will hold their reunion on Aug. 10. For more information call 313-582-2372.



Romulus Fireman Darnell Hearst, local citizens Jackie Pregler and Sandy Bell and Community Police Officer Joe Richardson were on hand at the kick-off of the File of Life distributions at the Romulus Senior Center recently. MCN Special Photo

File for Life is critical when sudden illnesses strike seniors

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Critically important "Files of Life" are now being distributed at the Romulus Senior Center for use at home by local senior citizens, center director Linda Norman stated last week.

The red-and-white files are created by the Oakwood Healthcare System Founda-

tion and contain a plastic folder that should be posted on the door of the family refrigerator in case of medical emergencies.

Norman said a \$1 donation is asked for each file to allow the center to keep enough stock on hand for all seniors needing such items.

The "file" has room for the senior's name, address, doctor's name and phone number,

insurance company policies and even the senior's religion.

It also has space for medical data: such as a list of medical problems the senior faces, medication identification, dosage and frequency of use.

A list also can be checked off for allergies the senior suffers from.

Seniors are also urged to update the "file" as any medical matter changes.

Cookbook sale party slated for July 19...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A cookbook sale and party in the park are being offered by the Romulus Historical Society from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 19.

Pearl Varner, museum curator, said the party will allow

time for socializing, enjoying refreshments and discussing some of the old time recipes provided by local families.

Donations of \$5 are being asked for copies of the cookbooks, Varner said.

Romulus Historical Park is adjacent to the Romulus Post Office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JULY BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734-699-8946 prior to July 18.

Cindy C. King, CMC/AAE
Van Buren Charter Township

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CITY OF INKSTER WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE NEW ZONING CODE

The City of Inkster is seeking proposals for Planning Consultants to assist in the preparation of a new zoning code. Information packets will be available on July 21, 2000 in the City of Inkster's Community Development Department. For questions, contact Richard Wooten, Planning and Economic Development Director, at (313) 563-9760.

Qualified firms wishing to submit proposals should provide the appropriate information to the attention of the City Clerk, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, MI 48141 prior to 4:00 p.m. EST, August 25, 2000. All submittals shall be clearly marked "PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE NEW ZONING CODE"

The City of Inkster reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, waive any irregularities, and accept proposals it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

Kimberly Turner, City Clerk
Inkster, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LETTING BID NUMBER 00/01/08 CITY OWNED PROPERTY NON BUILDABLE LOTS

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FOR SALE CITY OWNED PROPERTY

PARCEL NUMBER	STREET LOCATION	LOT SIZE
1. 014-03-0222-001	Chamberlain	4x120
2. 020-01-0161-000	Vinewood	30x125
3. 020-01-0258-300	Coleman	60x133
4. 020-99-0006-703	Cypress/Wayne Road	Irregular
5. 067-02-0329-303	Romaine	76x139
6. 067-02-0569-301	Menton/Miriam	Irregular

BID PACKETS may be picked up at the City of Romulus Assessor's office.

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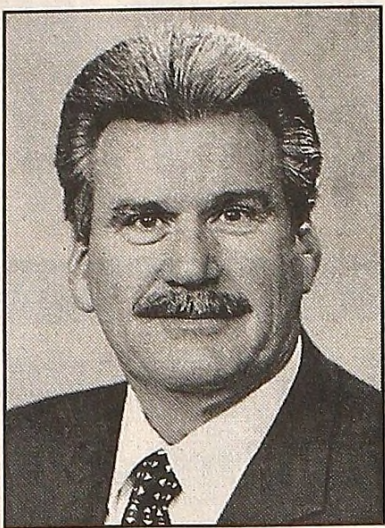
By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

State Rep. Raymond Basham, (D-Taylor), was honored recently by the Clean Water Action citizen's group for his 93 percent voting record on environmental issues.

According to the unit's public statement "CWA is committed to monitoring lawmakers' votes in Lansing and to com-

municating those findings to its members and the public. "The organization believes that Michigan's elected officials should be held accountable for their decisions to vote for or against vital issues that impact public health," the statement continues."

Basham is also one of strongest battlers against the deep-well project now under consideration in the Romulus area.



Rep. Raymond Basham

Special assessments set for street lights

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Romulus City Council has approved a resolution addressing the need for street lighting in the newest city subdivisions - namely the Farms on Ecorse Road, the Commons on Ecorse Road and the Fairways on Van Born Road.

The Farms and Commons subdivisions are being created by Elro Corp. and the Fairways

by the Resco Development.

With the passing of the resolution, the street lighting improvements will be referred to City Assessor Aaron P. Power, who will prepare or cause to

be prepared, estimate the costs of the improvement as well as create a list of parcels of real property making up the total area affected by the improvement.

School gets grant for its Boys/Girls site activities

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Wick Elementary School's site for Romulus Boys and Girls Club activities has received a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The grant seeks to provide quality educational programs along with after school child care.

Nationally only 22 sites will be funded, Romulus School District Curriculum Director Thomas Dolan revealed, and both the school district and local club had to meet stringent application requirements.

Dolan said "we will have to implement the Project Learn and Literature Programs, provide effective evaluations and attend several workshops in preparation for the Sept. 1 program start."

He added "the strong school district support for the Romulus club was a strong factor in securing this grant."

Romulus Boys/Girls Club director Frank Rigger an-

nounced also that Post Cereal will become a corporate sponsor for the Wick School site and will donate \$75,000 to further upgrade the programs.

Rigger said club membership now exceeds 600 youth.

The combined \$125,000 in grants, when totaled with the \$300,000 yearly stipend from the school district's 21st Century Grant will enable the school district to offer quality free child care until 8:30 p.m. daily throughout the 2000-2001 school year.

The Romulus school district is the only one in metro Detroit to offer this extensive program.

During the current summer months, the Cory and Merri-man Elementary Schools will offer Boys/Girls Club opportunities from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Aug. 18. Merri-man also will offer an early bird program from 8 to 10 a.m. daily.

For more club information call Rigger at 941-5839.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111.

This Public Hearing relates to property located at V 125-83-086-99-0028-002, or more commonly known as 11575 Belleville Road, (Trinity Episcopal Church):

The applicant is requesting special use approval to construct a three hundred, nine hundred sixty-six (3,966) square foot expansion at an existing church.

The property is zoned R-1 B, Single Family residential, and churches are permitted with Special Use Approval.

Copies of the proposed project are available at the Department of Development services. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Development Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the American Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Development Services, at least seventy two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-22 JULY 5, 2000

Special meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowolski, McEachern, Haidous, Lentine. Members Absent: Powser, Shackelford, both excused. Held moment of silence was held for former City employee Thorton Vander Voort, deceased on July 1, 2000. APPROVED: minutes of Regular Meeting held June 20, 2000; awarded bids for tents, tables and chairs for the 2000 Wheelfest, ladder testing for the Fire Dept.; application for the renewal of the junkyard licenses at Annapolis Auto Parts, 36597 Annapolis Ave. and Broome's Auto Parts, 4322 Walker St.; designated Mayor Dickerson as Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Dobrowolski as Alternate Delegate to the Michigan Municipal League 102nd Annual Meeting on Sept. 28, 2000; Weed List No. 2000-5; Professional Services Agreement with Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May regarding plans, specifications and bid documents for the 2001 Water & Sewer Replacement Project - Phase III; declaration of 34584 Elm St., 35550 Michigan Ave. W. and 37328 Van Born Rd. as a Hazard/Nuisance on an emergency basis; contract for the disconnection of the electrical service to 35248 Michigan Ave. W.; resolution in support of a Stormwater Sewer Maintenance Agreement with Wayne County regarding 35484 Van Born Rd.; resolution to purchase the north half of the vacated alley adjacent to Lot 15 of Louis-Savage Garfield Park Sub.; payment for repairs to the controls for the ice making equipment in the Ice Arena; Change Order No. 1 with Michigan Safety Grip Systems, Inc., for the resurfacing of the Aquatic Area locker rooms; FY '99 - '00 dues to the Western Wayne County Fire Dept. Mutual Aid Assoc.; compensation plan for the Department Heads for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; request from the Chamber of Commerce to conduct their annual Sidewalk Sales, July 27-29, 2000 and to waive the permit fees. Called a Public Hearing for August 1, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. to consider the proposed FY '00 - '01 Downtown Development Authority Budget. Received and Filed Amendment to the fourth year of a potential five-year contract for lawn maintenance on various City properties with B & B Snowplowing & Lawn Service, Inc., Communication and Reports and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

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Inkster Good News

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Church honors longtime members

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

On a recent Sunday, the parishioners joined with the members of the St. Cecilia Choir, of St. Clement Episcopal Church in Inkster, to dedicate the "Lucy Mitchell Choir Room."

The dedication was given in recognition of outstanding service to the church and the city of Inkster, rendered by the deceased Lucy Mitchell.

Lucy Mitchell was the Church Organist/Directress of Music at St. Clement for many years; she also directed the Episcopal Choraliers.

As a part of the dedication program, the St. Cecilia Choir also chose to honor Bonita Merritt for 55 years of continuous service to the



Bonita Merritt (seated in the middle) was honored recently by the St. Cecilia Choir of St. Clement Episcopal Church in Inkster for her 55 years of continuous service as a member of the choir. Merritt was surprised and grateful for the distinct honor. Seated left to right are: Patricia Ferguson, Bonita Merritt, and Janet Carter. Standing, left to right, are Betty Thomas, Frances Watkins, Alderene Solomon, Jessie Shelby, Lillie Bilberry, Elizabeth Byrd, Dorothy Garrett, Lois Payne, Sarah Young and Theola Jones.

music program of the parish.

Truly worthy, Merritt, a retired school administrator, is an icon in the Inkster community. However, she was totally surprised as presenter Charley Bilberry began his presentation and

called her name.

"It is not very often that one has the rare opportunity to do something 'special', 'very special' for someone else. I am blessed to have that opportunity today," Bilberry said.

Merritt was the recipient

of a beautiful plaque, and a lot of well wishes.

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the first Inkster resident to join Top Ladies of Distinction. She enjoys golfing and bowling.

Congratulations Bonita Merritt.

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2 Romulus pastors on Mayor's Chair

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

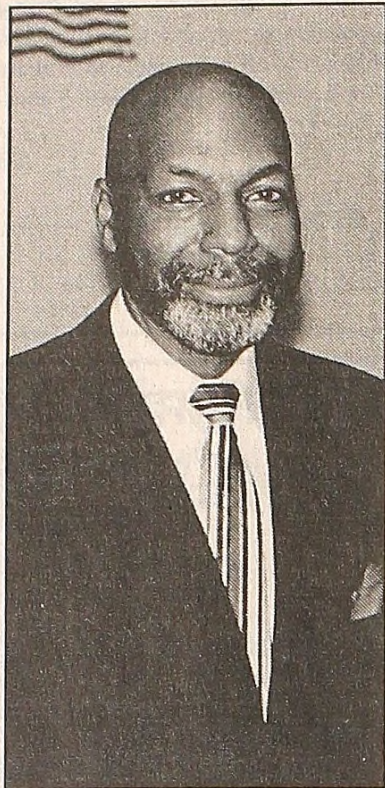
Two key members of the Romulus Ministerial Association — Pastors Arthur Willis and William Kren — will appear tonight on the Mayor's Chair televised program.

Willis serves as president of the RMA and Kren is the group's recording secretary.

The program featuring Mayor William Oakley will be telecast from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Romulus Cable Channel 12.

Willis is also the pastor of the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church and Kren is the pastor of the Community United Methodist Church.

The Good Friday procession usually begins at the Romulus Wesleyan Church and proceeds to Romulus Historical Park.



Pastor Arthur Willis

Persons wishing to call in questions to the pastors should dial 942-7571 beginning at 6 p.m. Others seeking to join the meeting live in the City Council chambers in City Hall are urged to arrive by 6:15 p.m.

Willis and Kren will outline many of the events the ministerial association is involved in each year including the annual Good Friday procession, the National Day of Prayer Service and the student lock-in recreation program at Romulus High School on New Year's Eve.

The Good Friday procession usually begins at the Romulus Wesleyan Church and proceeds to Romulus Historical Park. Participants sing Lenten hymns during the march and then conduct a Good Friday service at the park.

Romulus church slates march

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Youth members and adults from the Romulus Community Baptist Church will conduct a noon time march on July 22 to celebrate this year's Vacation Bible School activities.

The theme of the evening VBS sessions is "Road Rally 2000 — Race for Jesus," a spokesman said.

The approximately one mile march — that is slated to include about 60-70 youth and adults — will begin and conclude at the church at 6200 Fourth St. (between Beverly and Wayne Roads).

The actual weeklong VBS sessions will be conducted from 6 to 8 p.m. July 24-28 and will include craft periods, Bible studies, various presentations and refreshments.

Classes for age groups from kindergarten to adults will be

held each evening.

The final meeting of the Belleville-Romulus CROP Walk this year will be held at 7 p.m. Aug. 10 at the Community United Methodist Church, Pastor William Kren announced this week.

The public is invited to attend the session in Romulus — to learn how the program works and how to get involved.

The CROP Walk — one of the strongest in Michigan — continues to grow with involvement of new area churches each year.

The actual CROP Walk is slated for the early afternoon of Oct. 1 and kicks-off at the Community United Methodist Church (across from Romulus Police Headquarters at Bibbins and Olive).

Churches from Romulus, Belleville and Sumpter Township join in the 6-7 mile procession to the Trinity Episcopal

Salvation Army responds to Minnesota's flooding

Relief personnel are now assisting the Eagen, Minn. flood victims, following heavy flooding there last Saturday.

One man was killed, roads collapsed, and houses were damaged by the rising waters.

Jan Karasch, field representative for the Salvation Army there, declared "it is really a

mess here. One man had his house washed right off its foundation."

One Army mobile canteen served over 570 meals and beverages to residents and clean-up volunteers, Karasch said.

The relief unit will remain as long as it is needed, she stated.

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-21
JULY 4, 2000

Regular meeting of the City Council was not held due to the lack of a quorum.

Mary E. Barber
City Clerk

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CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Wayne City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 1, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider the proposed FY 2000-2001 portion of the Downtown Development Plan.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council will make a decision regarding the proposed plan.

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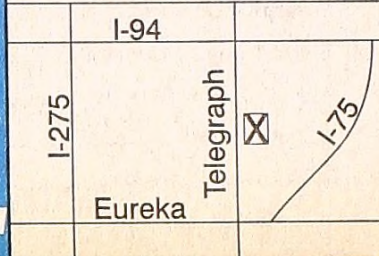
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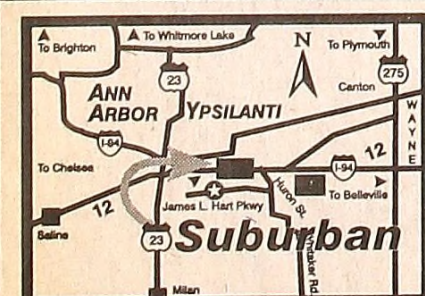
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4. Auto Alarm Service	47. Disc Jockey	90. Music Store
5. Auto Collision Service	48. Doughnuts	91. Nursing Home
6. Auto Dealer (GM)	49. Drapery Store	92. Office Supply Store
7. Auto Dealer (Ford)	50. Dry Cleaners	93. Pet Groomer
8. Auto Dealer (Chrysler)	51. Fabric Shop	94. Pet Supply Store
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20. Billiards Equipment	63. Garden and Lawn Supplier	106. Best Italian Restaurant
21. Boat Dealer	64. Gift Shop	107. Best Chinese Restaurant
22. Book Dealer	65. Golf Course	108. Best Ethnic Restaurant
23. Bowling Alley	66. Golf Equipment Dealer	109. Best Seafood Restaurant
24. Bridal Shop	67. Grocery Store	110. Best Steakhouse
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32. Cellular Phone Dealer	75. Hotel	118. Tavern
33. Cemetery	76. Ice Cream Store	119. Taxi Service
34. Child Care Center	77. Insurance Company	120. TV Station
35. Children's and Infant Wear Store	78. Investment Company	121. Theater
36. Chiropractor	79. Jeweler	122. Tire Dealer
37. Comic Book Store	80. Kennel	123. Toy Store
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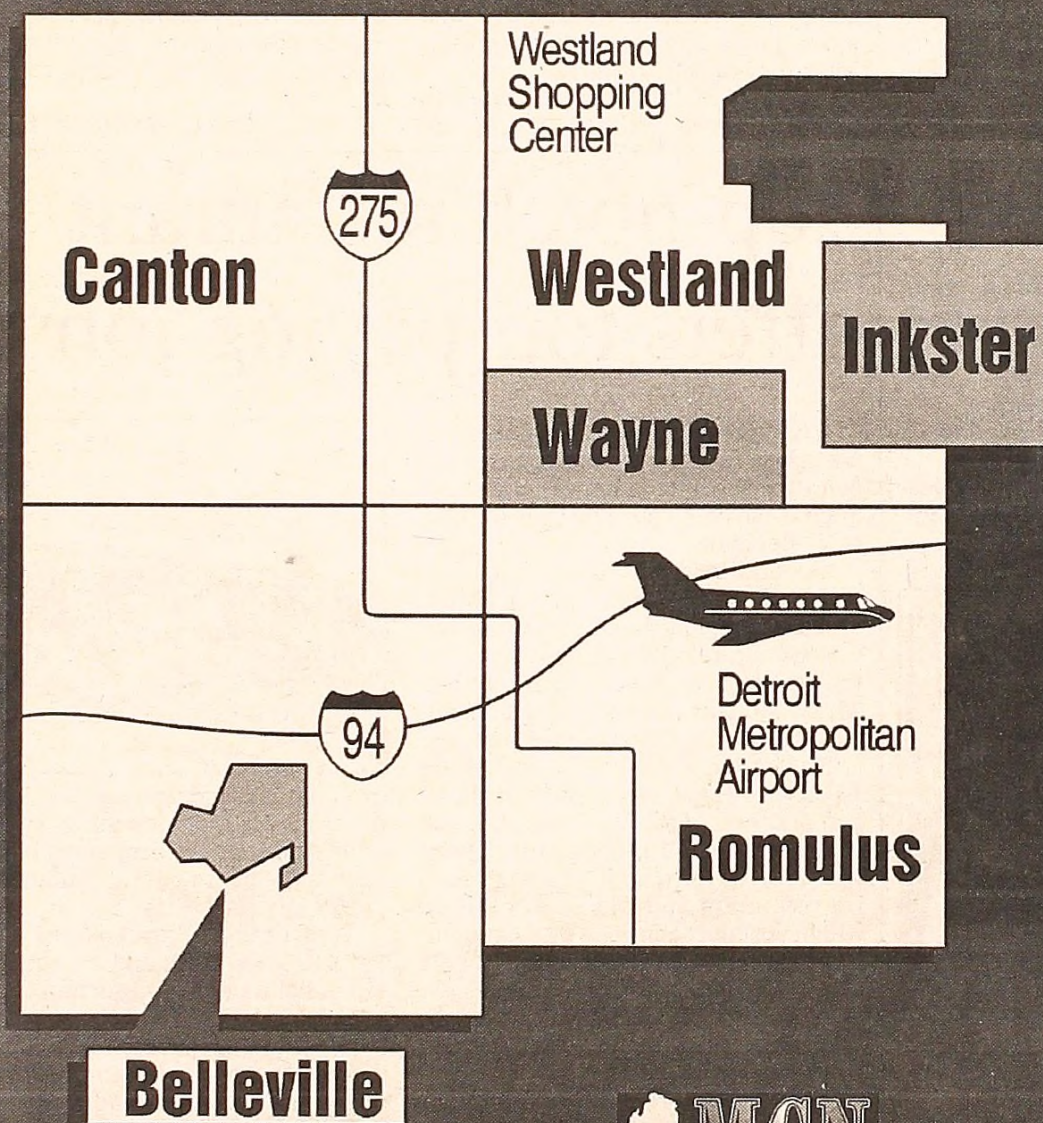


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Shopping center welcomes stores

When the dog days of summer become just more than you can take, head to the Westland Shopping Center for a summer shopping break.

The Westland Shopping Center will be happy to give you a reason to get out of the house, if you need one, as they welcome several exciting new stores to the Westland business community.

Kellie Heppner, Westland Shopping Center marketing coordinator, says one of the most exciting newcomers is The Children's Place, which opens this weekend. Located next to Naturalizer Shoes, The Children's Place is the mall's first store specializing in kid's clothing.

And just in time for school shopping, Limited Too will follow, opening in September. Limited Too will offer all the great styles you love from Limited, but in wee sizes for your kids.

"We've been getting dozens of phone calls a day about Children's Place," says Heppner. "People are really excit-

ed about this addition to the mall." But you don't need to brace yourself for designer prices, Heppner explains, The Children's Place is very moderately priced.

Another exciting newcomer is less an addition than a marriage of two of



The newly expanded The Fan Zone is located next to JC Penney at the Westland Shopping Center.

the Westland Shopping Centers favorite stores. Fan Zone and Lil' Fan have combined, and are now a bigger, better Fan Zone store. Located next to JC Penney, Fan Zone will now carry more of your favorite Red Wings and

See **Shopping**, page 11

Landmark restaurant marks quarter century in Wayne

You could call it a Wayne landmark, by now. After 25 years in the coney business, that would just about sum up Wayne Coney, Western Wayne County's original coney place.

Mike Savich and his wife, Julie, opened the restaurant in the Wayne Metro Mall on Michigan Avenue a quarter century ago, and the place is as popular today as ever.

The menu hasn't changed much over the years; after all, why mess with good, home-cooked meals? Who could argue the value of a heaping plate of spaghetti, or a hot and delicious meat loaf?

And there are times you'd swear the prices haven't changed, either, like when you're ordering up a hearty \$1.99 daily breakfast special, or a 99-cent coney every Tuesday and a 99-cent loose burger every Wednesday.

The Friday fish fry has remained a popular menu item, as well, and at a low \$5.50 for all you can eat, it's the best way to start a weekend.

In 25 years, the friendly service hasn't changed, either. The waitresses are *real* waitresses—the kind of women that know they're regular customers by name, can anticipate their orders, and are certainly glad to hug their favorites when they walk in the door.

Savich says the rewards of being in business for 25 years are plenty. He



Mike and Julie Savich, owners of Wayne Coney in downtown Wayne.

gets a kick out of seeing customers who first got to know him when they were just children come in today with their own children to order their favorite coney dog and a Boston cooler or root beer float.

Especially for those customers who have grown a little older and a little grayer with Wayne Coney, a senior menu is available, every day, all the time, with a fair selection of favorites, all under \$5, and most under \$4.

"If I could say just one thing to the customers who have made this busi-

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Western Wayne's newest Maestro

The children will call her Miss Norma, but you can call her Maestro.

Norma Atwood, of Plymouth's Village Music, has been selected as a member of the Kindermusik International Maestro Program—an exclusive membership based on her Kindermusik program's performance and growth over the past year. Atwood is a Kindermusik educator who offers a full program of Kindermusik, the leading music and movement program for children newborn through 7 years old.

Atwood's Kindermusik program is one of the top 25 in the nation—not bad, considering she opened the doors to her own business only a little less than two years ago, after teaching for many years in a local school district, and then a music conservatory.

It's an honor that has come from hard work and love, explains Atwood. A typical day for her begins at 7 a.m., when she tackles the paperwork involved in running Village Music. After finishing that up at around 10 a.m., she heads to Plymouth's Old Village, and her students—she sees 60 students a

week for private lesson. Atwood then heads home at about 8 or 9 at night, and ties up some loose ends, calling it a day at around 11 p.m.

When asked if she's going to slow down a bit, she laughs. "Not as long as I'm doing what I love," she says.

As Village Music continues to blossom, Atwood has sought a little help, and is very pleased with her two associ-



Kim Mueller, 12, Canton, works through a lesson in vocal music with Village Music director Norma Atwood.

ates, Cheryl Beauchamps and newcomer Claudia Tull, who each have extensive backgrounds in Kindermusik and early childhood music. Atwood has also brought in hammer dulcimer instructor Charlene Berry, and the program is

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Top-notch restaurant offers top-paying jobs

You know the saying: Wimps need not apply? That's true sometimes, especially when your company is at the top. Such is the case with The Cracker Barrel in Belleville.

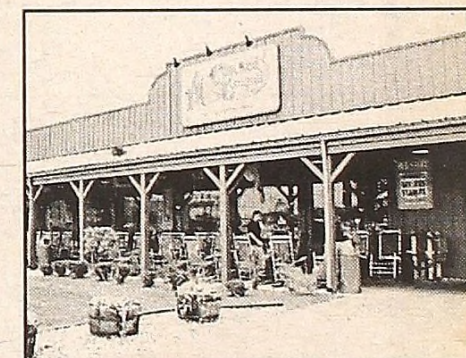
General manager Kevin Simon explains his management team is always looking for good people to round out the restaurant's 125-member staff, but the challenge for him is finding people who will dig in and work hard to maintain the company's long run of success.

The restaurant is the busiest of the 14 Cracker Barrel restaurants in Michigan and one of the busiest of the 420 which are found in 37 states. Those who have never visited a Cracker Barrel restaurant and Old Country Store will be instantly charmed by the unique gift shop, filled with hand-crafted gifts and old fashioned rocking chairs, an eclectic mix of specialty food items, and the most Heavenly fragrant candies you've ever smelled.

And then there's the restaurant's home-cooking which has made Cracker Barrel a nationwide favorite.

Simon says while nearly any job could be demand at most any time, the positions he has the most difficulty filling are server, dish room staff and grill cook positions.

Simon is looking for day and



evening staff, and wants to find employees with the commitment to work full-time. Additionally, Simon says experience is not paramount to landing a top-paying job; attitude is.

What Cracker Barrel offers in return for your hard work and enthusiasm is top-of-the-industry wages and benefits which include medical and dental, paid vacations, substantial employee discounts which are honored in the restaurant and retail shop at any Cracker Barrel restaurant, 401K, stock purchase plan and profit sharing.

Cracker Barrel is located on the I-94 North Service Drive in Belleville, just west of Belleville Road, and hard-working people are encouraged to apply in person. For more information about Cracker Barrel, call (734) 697-5299.

Selection and service at Cueter Serra Chrysler

It's a tradition that began in the 1950s when John Cueter opened his first car dealership in the metro Detroit area. Superior customer service combined with a great selection of vehicles has been the cornerstone of the business ever since.

He's opened several since, and since 1992, the Cueter Serra Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Dealership served customers at its Washtenaw Avenue location in Ypsilanti.

When John Cueter retired in 1998, his son, John Cueter, Jr. picked up where his dad left off, carrying on the family tradition of quality cars and customer service.

Cueter, Jr. is now president of Cueter Serra, and has learned a few lessons from his father. "The customer is king," he says is lesson number one.

"You can buy a car anywhere," he Cueter explains. "We all carry cars in many styles and many prices, but what's going to really impress our customers is the best service."

It's the paramount service that's made Cueter Serra a Five-Star dealer every year since 1993. The Five-Star award requires dealers to meet exceptionally high standards in their service department.

Cueter says, "People don't realize how very difficult it is to get that Five-Star award, and what that means about the dealership."

What customers do know is how comfortable they are in the clean, bright waiting room, and how courte-



ous and knowledgeable Cueter Serra's service technicians are. They also appreciate the way Cueter Serra goes the extra mile. For example, customers get a free car wash with service.

Also apparent as soon as you drive on the lot is the impressive selection of cars and trucks. Some 250 new and 100 used vehicles occupy the Cueter Serra

lot every day, including the hottest new vehicles on the market like the classically styled PT Cruiser, the award-winning Grand Cherokee and rugged Cherokee Sport, and the sophisticated Chrysler Concorde.

Stop by Cueter Serra at 2448 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti. Showroom hours are Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m.

to 9 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Service hours are Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Or you can visit them on the Web at www.cueterserra.com. You can shop online, and even apply for financing. Or contact them by phone at (734) 434-2424.

Zerbo's promotes healthy living, education

If you're like most folks, when you're hungry, you eat. When you're tired, you sleep. Maybe you get some exercise. Maybe you take a multi-vitamin. And that's enough to keep you relatively healthy, right?

Not necessarily, says Clara Zerbo-Adams, owner, Zerbo's Health Foods, Livonia. You may feel alright if you're fairly healthy, but it's very likely you are not feeling as good as you could be. Zerbo-Adams can help.

Zerbo's a 11,250-square foot store is completely dedicated to healthy living, and carries dietary supplements, bath, beauty and household cleaning products, herbs, extracts, homeopathic remedies, organic vegetables, dry foods and meats, as well as a wide variety of prepared and frozen foods for the health-conscious consumer. Recently, Zerbo's also added a bulk foods section, featuring grains, legumes and nuts.

Zerbo's also carries a good selection of organic produce and meats, grains and dry goods, as well as a host of juices, soy milks and true distilled water, steam-distilled in the store.

"We carry as many organic foods as we can," explains Zerbo-Adams. "They are just better for you, and I think they taste better."

While those of you who are already experts in optimum nutrition and health will appreciate Zerbo's wide range of products, it's the new health consumer that will truly love what real-

ly sets Zerbo's apart: Knowledge. Zerbo-Adams, as well as her highly-trained and educated staff, are like walking libraries specializing in homeopathy and nutrition. Homeopathy-- or simply treating the immune system and your body's functions with nature's own healing agents, such as minerals, herbs, and more homeopathics--has been Zerbo-Adams's life work since she was young, and her father, Harry Zerbo, founded the health store.

Zerbo-Adams constantly educates herself, reading everything available about new treatments, researching on the internet, burying herself in books, consulting with physicians and bringing in guest lecturers and work shop leaders, to help her stay abreast of the plethora of information released every day in the health industry.

It's because of this intensive research that her customers shop with the confidence that the nonsense or hype has been left at the door, and only the most effective products are offered at Zerbo's.

Zerbo-Adams then passes on her knowledge to her staff and her customers. In fact, her interview with Michigan Community Newspapers became a "walking interview," as she lead customers up and down the expanse of store aisles, searching for products, all the while getting all the information they asked for, as Zerbo-Adams explained in detail the pro's and con's



Clara Zerbo-Adams, owner, Zerbo's Health Foods, Livonia.

and special instructions of each product.

The result? Her customers understand bee pollen, what it does and why

it works, more than they understand aspirin, and are educated on the benefits of green foods, or super foods, even though they've never even looked at the food label on the back of a bag of potato chips.

Zerbo-Adams knows that an educated customer is a healthy customer, and has helped her customers find real pathways to optimum health, and to find real solutions to treat everything from overweight and diabetes, to reproductive illnesses, to depression and schizophrenia.

Zerbo's also offers classes in homeopathy, computerized analysis with homeopathic remedies, and massage therapy to assist her customers in achieving health and optimal energy.

{b}What's new at Zerbo's?

{s}While Zerbo's offerings are far too extensive to list, here's a small sample of what's new and highly recommended:

\$bu Growth hormone. Zerbo-Adams says lately the human growth hormone is all the rage in doctor's offices across the country, as a means of fighting the effects of aging. While Zerbo's doesn't carry human growth hormone, they do stock a growth hormone product, which restores your body to a time when you naturally produced an abundance of growth hormone (before age 25). Supplementing your body with the hor-

See **Healthy**, page 11

Leasing at it's easiest

So leasing a vehicle makes sense to you? Sure it does....you pay for only the part of the car you'll actually use, instead of buying the whole car. But you're afraid you need stellar credit to lease? Not anymore, thanks to the all-new Detroit II showroom in Garden City.

"This is an all-new concept," beams Kevin Considine, general manager. "We lease used cars to pretty much everyone, but especially to people who have credit issues." And that's a lot of people, explains Considine, stating that two-thirds of us have been in that boat at one time or another, and it's not easy repairing a blemished credit report.

But if you have had credit problems, and have gone to buy a used car at a lot that specializes in customers with damaged credit, you may have been turned off by the idea. You've found less-than-ideal cars, or you've found you need such an enormous down payment, you'll never be able to drive off the lot with a car. Or maybe you've found the service and atmosphere downright unprofessional.

Not here. Detroit II smashes that stereotype with their impressive variety of gorgeous, clean, newer cars (1997 on average). Now, look at the stickers prominently displayed in every window, and you'll find the down payments are comparable to what you'd pay at

any car lot. And customers are rewarded with a Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze rating system, which determines how big their down payment must be. Giving credit where credit is due, Considine said most customers qualify for the most affordable down payments, and those customers with the most stability qualify for the Platinum rating.

Now brace yourself, because your experience is about to get even better. You'll encounter a sales staff that works with you to determine the length of your lease, and ultimately, your monthly payment.

"We just really want to get customers in the habit of paying their bills on time," Considine says, adding that when the lease is up, the customers can be referred to traditional lenders and auto dealers to lease or buy their next vehicle.

For added peace of mind, the sales staff will be happy to discuss warranties with you as well. Considine says, "Nearly all the cars on the lot can come with a warranty, but we're working on a new program, that is coming very soon, where a customer can get a warranty that lasts the entire three years of their lease." This, he explains, takes any of the possible fear of leasing a used vehicle out of the experience,



You, too, can drive in style with a quality used car, leased from Detroit II in Garden City.

and lets customers simply enjoy the cars they've chosen.

You can also expect a hassle-free experience at Detroit II. "Virtually everybody who walks in will be approved, and we do that in 29 minutes or less," Considine explains. "So you can come in here at 10 a.m. and literally leave at noon or 1:00 with your car." And Detroit II takes care of details, as well. "We have a relationship with Allstate Insurance," Considine explains, "And they're familiar with our program. They'll figure a quote right over the phone, and can fax over insurance cer-

tificates while you're here."

Considine adds that he's proud to have established this relationship with Allstate because, "We're not dealing with some fly-by-night company here; this is Allstate," which further lets his customers focus on the joy of leasing the cars they've dreamed about having.

There are some things you simply must see to believe, so stop by the all-new Detroit II showroom at 27777 Ford Road in Garden City. Showroom hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (734) 427-1550 for more information.

Health care facility treats clients with TLC

Immediately on walking in the door, you can feel the difference. When you enter Farmington Health Care Center, the bustle of activity, bright and attractive setting and upbeat energy that surround you are not what you'd necessarily expect from a nursing care facility which cares for seriously ill residents.

Gone are the "hospital smells," as they are replaced by a homelike atmosphere and a staff committed to caring for each resident as if they were family. A cheerful voice pipes over the loudspeaker, announcing that lunch is ready (on time, by the way) and staff and residents are set in motion preparing for the meals.

Human Resource Director Jan Whitt says, "We care for everyone as if they're our own family members. We remember that someday, that patient could be our mother, or our sister, or even ourselves."

Her words ring true as you notice a young woman kneeling in front of a wheelchair, holding hands with the elderly woman in it as the two talk. It's only when you see the younger of the two is in uniform that you realize she is a nurse's aide, and not the older woman's grand daughter.

Farmington Health Care Center is also deeply committed to keeping its residents active. With a full-time activities coordinator, there is always something going on in the dining room that serves as the activities room when

meals have been cleared away.

And those residents who aren't mobile enough to make it those activities are visited daily by staff who engage in whatever level of activities the residents can enjoy. From movement activities in their beds to motion therapy for even comatose patients, each resident gets a daily dose of life-enhancing, and even life-saving movement.

"We have a really great activities department that even functions with patients that are in bed," says Whitt. "We get them as mobile as possible and activate their minds." Committed to providing the highest level of subacute care in the most cost-effective setting, this 153-bed facility is designed specifically for treating the seriously ill patient who requires highly skilled nursing and/or aggressive therapies.

Each patient is assured an individualized plan of care. A case manager coordinates the interdisciplinary team through weekly meetings, to assure quality outcomes.

These facility-wide efforts are largely started at the top, explains Whitt. "Our new administrator, Gayle [Sinkowski] really promotes a team effort," Whitt says. "She doesn't think for a second about getting right in there and dressing or feeding a resident. She just does it because she cares for our patients."

Subacute costs are generally 20 to 60 per cent less than the charges for com-



Farmington Health Care Center offers the best and brightest in nursing care.

parable care in traditional hospital settings. Individual rates can be negotiated and third-party payers are billed directly from Farmington Health Care's business office.

After Farmington Health Care's recent state licensure approval, a process which places a moratorium on new patients until completed, the facility is ready to accept new residents. "We're ready to go, full steam ahead," says Whitt.

Because the facility provides a high level of services, Whitt says more residents will also mean an increased and immediate demand for more staff.

"I'm looking for someone who's go-

ing to come in, be motivated, and become part of the family," Whitt says. She's seeking physical therapists, nurses, certified nurse's aides and all health care providers. "We especially need CENA's for all shifts," Whitt explains. Farmington Health Center offers premium wages, plus shift differential, uniform reimbursement, and benefits.

Whitt is taking on-the-spot interviews Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The facility is located at 34225 Grand River in Farmington. For more information about Farmington Health Care services and employment opportunities, call (248) 477-7373.

Inkster company does good business by being a good neighbor

One Inkster company is not only practicing good business, but also becoming a good neighbor. Helping to revitalize Inkster's job market, cleaning up a hazardous waste site, and building

had.

Uhte admits that before the plant changed hands, the site was not a good neighbor, and nearby residents often complained of smells coming from the



Advanced Resource Recovery

a fuel recycling plant are just the beginning.

Pete Uhte, the president of Advanced Resource Recovery, bought the former hazardous waste processing plant on Princeton after it closed a few years ago. Right away, Uhte and the current owners negotiated with the state an agreement which would clean up the site and revitalize it.

And for nearly two years, there has been no hazardous waste at the site. The plant now accepts nonhazardous waste waters and oil. The water is processed to acceptable conditions for safe disposal and the oil is processed and recycled, used as EPA on-spec fuel, and used by utilities and industrial manufacturers.

Besides making the site a safer place, Uhte is also proud that the new company has generated some 35 new jobs in the city, half of which have been filled by Inkster residents, most of whom live in the very same neighborhood as the plant.

While Advanced Resource Recovery has brought the site up to all existing EPA requirements, the company is still diligently working to progressively address future environmental requirements and are continuing their containment and processing upgrades. At the end of May, a supplementary odor control system was installed, in addition to the air scrubbing system Advanced Resource Recovery already

plant.

In the past two years, however, only four complaints have been lodged regarding smell. Uhte explains that particularly on a humid day, a sulfur smell may escape during the processing of the oil. While the "sulfur burp" is not dangerous, he says he recognizes it can be inconvenient for nearby residents. It was for this reason the company installed the supplementary odor control system, and he is pleased to report that there have been no complaints since.

"I'm here on site every day, and I honestly cannot smell any sulfur since we installed the system," he says.

Just to be sure, however, Uhte has approached City Council and city administration, inviting them to pass on any complaints, should they hear about them. "If there's a problem, we want to know about it, because that means we have more work to do," Uhte said.

Uhte said that while going the extra mile may not have been necessary from the standpoint of what's legally required of the company, he has felt it necessary to consider the community and to give back in any way he can.

Advanced Resource Recovery has proudly lended financial support to Inkster D.A.R.E. as well as to the fund-raiser to provide bulletproof vests to the Inkster Police Department.

Advanced Resource Recovery is located at 27140 Princeton in Inkster. For further information, call (313) 724-8600.

Chesley Odom is not what you think; he's more

You may not know Chesley Odom of Chesley Odom Design Associates, but chances are you know his work.

This unique Belleville designer has created some of the most recognizable logos and landmarks in southeast Michigan. His creations include logos for Mr. B's Pub, Davenport Brothers, Westborn Fruit Market, City Disposal, St. Anthony's Men's Club, Kiernan's Pub, Commuter Express, Soave Enterprises, the Green Lantern Lounge, and

certainly valuable to any business owner. But even more, his three decades of experience has made him an expert in creating corporate identity. Simply put, Odom can help the business owner from start to finish—from building design to color scheme to logo to company vehicle design to create an identity which not only reflects the attitude of the business, but also lends instant recognition of the business name to consumers. Odom can design your ex-



Darlene Soave and artist/designer Chesley Odom present Anthony A. Soave a portrait of his daughters, who just graduated from college. The presentation was at Suzzie's in Chicago.

many more.

He's also the creator behind the Belleville bridge, suites at the Palace of Auburn Hills and Joe Louis Arena, billboards, store fronts, and most recently LaShish at Motor City Casino.

But many people do not know Chesley Odom is more than that. You name it, he designs it.

In the home.

Odom specializes in interior and exterior design, color and fabric selections, home additions, kitchens and baths, residential interior renovations. Besides these, Odom also is a portrait artist, lending his colorful flair and eye for detail to lovely and personal family treasures.

But, what exactly are the benefits of hiring a designer to assist with your new home, or redecorating and remodeling project?

Many folks think that once you've taken care of the details in the physical plans for a new home or addition, that's enough. While Odom certainly can design additions and renovations, he pulls everything together in the final phases as well, creating harmony throughout the home. Advising in all aspects of color, texture, proportion, and rhythm, Odom can create a haven that reflects your lifestyle and attitude, while remaining mindful of your practical needs.

At your business.

Odom's expertise in commercial design, signage, neon signage, store fronts, corporate jet planes, bill boards and logos are

executive offices, from building front to lobby to individual offices, including providing art work, as he did for Wellington Industries.

About the town.

Odom has certainly played a part in creating some of our community's best-known identifiers. Specializing in city planning and municipal creative concepts, Odom has created designs for the Sumpter Fire Station, Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville, city entrance signs, as well as designing the bridge that joins the communities.

Odom has also designed some of the area's most lavish society parties, including gatherings to honor former First Lady Barbara Bush and Michigan's Governor John Engler.

Find out how Chesley Odom Design Associates can help you design your business and your home, and add excitement and sophistication to your surroundings. Visit his office and art gallery at 533 Main Street in Belleville, on beautiful Belleville Lake, or give him a call at (734) 699-2000.



Chesley Odom poses with a Commuter Express van, which he designed.

Mobility is the key to independence

As of early last month, the former Amigo Mobility Center has been renamed A-1 Mobility Center. The name change to A-1 Mobility Center reflects the growth of the company, which opened its doors six years ago. At that time, the only mobility product offered was Amigo three- and four-wheeled scooters. Since that time, A-1 has added scooters from 11 manufacturers, including Amigo, Chauffeur Mobility, Invacare, Pride and Optiway to name a few. In addition, they represent manufacturers of power wheelchairs including Invacare and the Pride Jazzy.

A-1 Mobility Center showroom has the largest selection of scooters and power wheelchairs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. They also have manual wheelchairs, lift chairs by three manufacturers, transfer boards, specialty seating, and accessories for scooters and wheelchairs.

Store owner Donajane Lapinski explains specializing in mobility products offers great rewards to her customers. "We try to fit a client's needs with the right product. It's like clothing; one size does not fit all. Every need is different."

And it's not just the selection of products that put A-1 Mobility ahead of the others. It's the service. "We ask our

"We try to fit a client's needs with the right product."

clients what their need are and try to match their needs with their resources to get them the product that is going to allow them to have the greatest independence," Lapinski says. "Our number one goal is to make all the things we sell work together for that customer. We get a lot of gratification when we hear how it has changed their lives to be independent and mobile."

Besides sales, A-1 Mobility's service department repairs all makes and models of scooters, wheelchairs and lift chairs.

The A-1 Mobility Center's showroom and service facility is located at 11940 Middlebelt, Suite H, Livonia (just north of Plymouth Road). A-1 Mobility Center is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If a customer cannot come to the store, the staff can arrange an in-home assessment. For more information, or for an in-home appointment, call (734) 422-4234.

Customers flock to Wild Wings

Western Wayne County is starting to see the light...the illuminated style made famous by the painter of light Thomas Kinkade, that is. And they're finding more Kinkade at Wild Wings of Plymouth than anywhere else.

Louise Jabara Deschenes, whose father, Kal, owns the unique gift and home decor shop, says people are simply drawn to the Kinkade paintings and prints because of the "Kinkade glow." The award-winning and now famous paintings are highly-detailed renditions of a variety of subjects including lighthouses, quaint English cottages, cozy gardens, stunning landscapes and energetic city scenes, each a world unto itself. "He's our most collected artist," says Deschenes of Kinkade's enormously popular work.

"Something about Kinkade's work makes people feel warm inside and calm," she says. "Then it warms my heart to see them leave the store with their artwork. They think of it in terms of a lifetime, of passing it down to their



Louise Jabara - Deschenes Standis in the Kinkade gallery @ Wild Wings.

children."

The underlying constant in the artist's work is his almost magical use of light to capture a mood that transcends the place that he has painted. A luminist painter, he uses light to communicate a poetic, rather than a physical, response to the work. It is this emotional interpretation of the landscape that sets Kinkade apart from other painters.

What sets Wild Wings apart from

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Dillon's Jewelers stays hopping in new store

The children will call her Miss Norma, but you can call her Maestro.

Norma Atwood, of Plymouth's Village Music, has been selected as a member of the Kindermusik International Maestro Program—an exclusive membership based on her Kindermusik program's performance and growth over the past year. Atwood is a Kindermusik educator who offers a full program of Kindermusik, the leading music and movement program for children newborn through 7 years old.

Atwood's Kindermusik program is one of the top 25 in the nation—not bad, considering she opened the doors to

her own business only a little less than two years ago, after teaching for many years in a local school district, and then a music conservatory.

It's an honor that has come from hard work and love, explains Atwood. A typical day for her begins at 7 a.m., when she tackles the paperwork involved in running Village Music. After finishing that up at around 10 a.m., she heads to Plymouth's Old Village, and her students—she sees 60 students a week for private lesson. Atwood then heads home at about 8 or 9 at night, and

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The very best of summer, at half the retail price

66Summer just doesn't get any better than this. Picture everything you need to maintain your title as the reigning barbecue king under one roof: from the largest display of patio furnishings and wicker and rattan in the state, to an impressive selection of grills and supplies, right down to the deck...yes, the deck. Now picture it at half price.



This man can save you hundreds of dollars.

It seems too good to be true, but believe it. In a moment of enthusiasm, Labadie's Casual Furnishings new owner Wes Mator, proclaimed that any customer who brings this page to him before August 1, at his warehouse store will get half off regular prices of in-stock merchandise.

While it may seem that Mator's enthusiasm may have got the best of him, it's easy to understand. Mator bought the 100-year-old business from Norman and Vie Labadie, who owned the downtown Trenton store and the warehouse store for some 40 years. Mator's decision was easy, even though he's new to the furnishings business. First, he says

Labadie's has built a reputation on quality and service, and it's a reputation he says he'll work like crazy to maintain. Second, he explains, "If you're going to sell something, why not make it something fun? And what's more fun than this?"

He has a point. During his interview with Michigan Community Newspapers, Mator was smack-dab in the middle of the warehouse's summer "Garage Sale," and savvy, summer-ready customers were arriving at the off-the-beaten path store in droves to make Mator an offer. Dur-

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Flooring company remains a leader in the Industry

Building a new home? Redecorating one special room? No matter how large or small your flooring need, Independent Carpet One's trained staff will help you select the right product. And their Five-Diamond trained installers will be there to give you guaranteed satisfaction.

Independent Carpet One, family owned and operated since 1944, has built their reputation on loyalty, honesty and integrity, was made even better when four years ago, the store joined forces with nationwide company

Carpet One. Now the Westland store is able to offer customers the benefits of top-of-the-industry training programs, increased buying power and marketing program, which allow the store to remain competitive in price, and the best warranties available.

For example, Lees, which carries a 25-year, no-exclusion stain warrantee, and 25-year wear, anti-static and installation warranties, along with a ten-year texture-retention warrantee. Add to that the 90-day, no-questions-asked replacement option, and the customer



Independent Carpet One was the proud host to the CFI installation training seminar, which brought in installers from across the Great Lakes region for three days of work shops.



The friendly and knowledgeable staff at Independent Carpet One offer the best service and installation in the industry.

has a package that's absolutely unheard of from any other manufacturer.

It's Lees' high-quality blended yarn system that enables them to make such lofty promises, and then to keep their word, all the while getting the most flooring bang for the buck, explains Independent Carpet One general manager Tina Marie.

But Independent Carpet One's products and services don't end there. A year ago, the store added a new line of ceramic flooring, complete with a 21-foot display of all forms of ceramic, at nearly every use and price point. Included in the ceramic tile display are Mexican tile, porcelain tile, stone varia-

tions, special patterns, borders, feature strips and wall and counter ceramics.

And this year, Independent Carpet One added a marble and slate flooring display which also features natural stone, Travertine, limestone and granite.

These two additions have allowed Independent Carpet One to fill a void in the flooring community: the store has become a true full-service, full-product store, meeting every flooring need, a feat which no other local flooring company has been able to accomplish.

This feat—supplying every home and

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Company offers jobs, careers opportunities

Pinkerton Security Officers are part of an elite team, and they are seeking members to join them. The most respected company in the security industry is now hiring uniformed security officers, in its automotive security division, and jobs are available throughout metropolitan Detroit.

The company, which first opened its doors 150 years ago in downtown Chicago, has established a reputation with some of the largest and most well-known companies in the world, in industries such as aerospace, health care, government, banking, manufacturing, travel, entertainment and more.

It has also earned a reputation with job seekers, who now know that Pinkerton offers highly competitive wages, plenty of room to grow, unlimited flexibility, free uniforms, a contributing 401-K plan, full paid training, and an attractive benefits package, which includes health, life, vision and dental insurance.

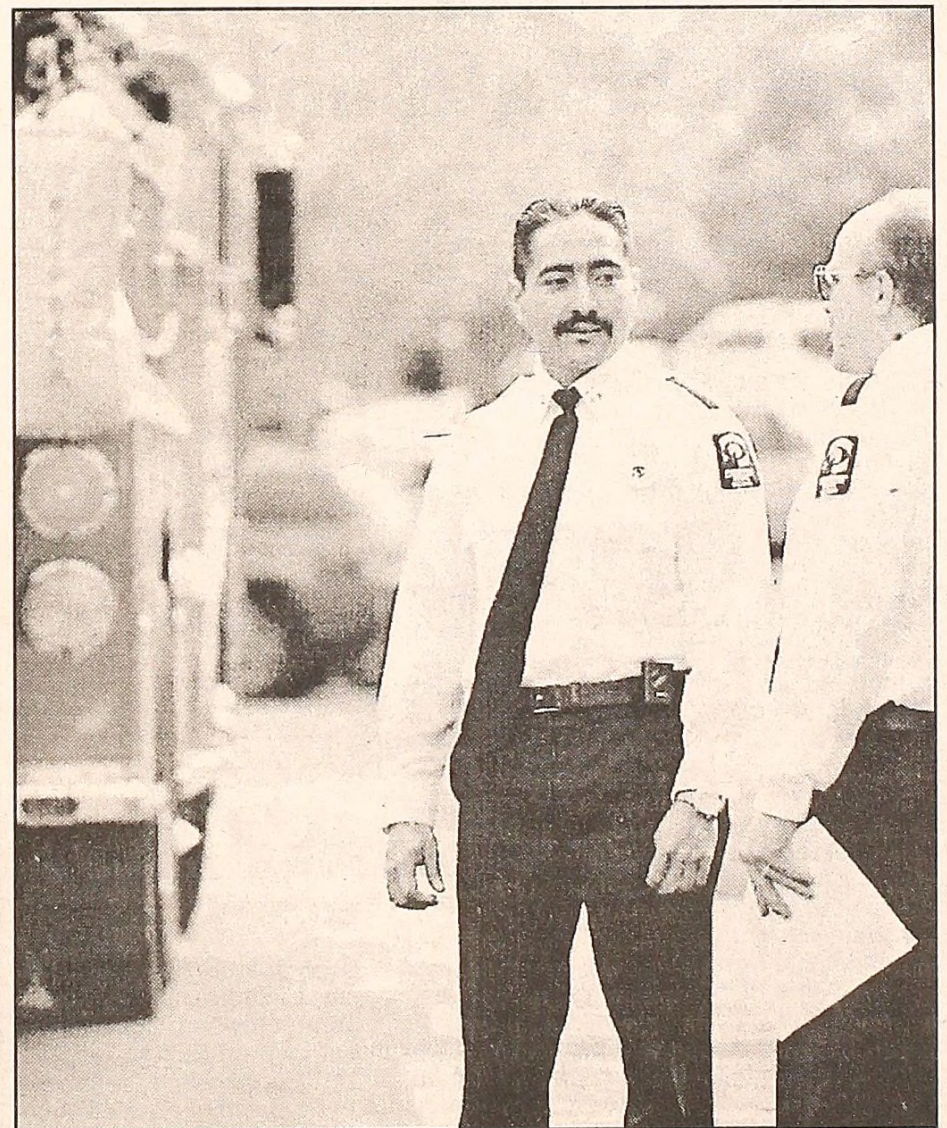
If you are at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or G.E.D., can pass a drug test, and have no felony convictions, you can be part of the Pinkerton team as well.

Nicole Davis, regional recruiter,

says the ideal candidate has an interest in law enforcement and criminal justice, but it's not necessary, nor is experience. "We have a very diverse work force—from new high school graduates working their first real job, to retirees who want to get out of the house, to people who just need a part-time job to supplement their income," Davis said. "They all love the flexibility, and the option to work part time or full time, on any shift. The students love the tuition reimbursement plan, in which they can receive up to \$1,000 a year toward earning their degree."

Pinkerton Security Officers start at \$8.36 per hour, and earn quarterly raises throughout the first year. At the end of the first year, they earn \$9.56 per hour. In addition to offering competitive wages, Pinkerton Security also strongly believes in promoting from within, offering their employees plenty of growth potential and career options.

For more information or to fill out an application, stop by the office at 37625 Ann Arbor Road, between Newburgh Road and Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 105, in Livonia, or call (734) 953-1222. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



business, from end to end—is not only a result of adding extra product lines, but also the knowledge that goes with them. Installers and sales staff alike attended seminars, listened to guest speakers, and attended training, in order to understand the new products inside and out. Tina Marie explains that Carpet One's education program has been instrumental in enabling the very highest level of marketing and training for the store's staff.

These cornerstones of the business means that Independent Carpet One's

customers get the widest variety and the most assistance in selecting the right flooring, as well as completely trained and certified installation technicians.

While Independent Carpet One is no longer the "Mom and Pop" store it was in the 1940s, it still blends the down-home family service with its superior products and industry knowledge.

Stop by Independent Carpet One's extensive showroom at 1400 Wayne Road, north of Cherry Hill, or call (734) 729-6200.

Remember: Nobody does it better than Independent Carpet One, Westland.



The Francavilla family still owns & operates Independent Carpet One.

Hometeam Realtors make a commitment to serve you better

Simply the best....that's what real estate broker John Toye wants to be. And he's getting there, according to his clients and his peers. But he's the first to tell you, he's not getting there alone. It takes a team.

Toye's unique approach to real estate and service formed 15 months ago when he opened the doors to his Re/Max Hometeam office in Westland. After working hard and finding success in a more traditional real estate setting, a highly competitive, highly stressed environment, Toye knew there has to be a better way, an approach that's better for the client and better for his staff and associates. He was right.

Toye knew there was a way to give clients 24 hour a day service which he could not provide all by himself, so he assembled a team of highly-qualified people, each with specialized duties to provide home buyers and sellers the most efficient, stress-free experience possible. His office houses two associate brokers, one property realtor, an office manager, two full-time closing managers and one listing manager. Each member of the Re/Max Hometeam attends to different details, and each has a financial stake in the success of every transaction.

Add to the eight-person staff an in-house mortgage company and title service, a fully computerized office (with each of the realtors toting a lap-top

computer to provide the fastest, most complete information at all times) and you've got every resource you need under one roof. What this means, explains Toye, is the team's clients get the very best and most efficient service at every stage of the home buying and selling process. "You get eight people working for you for the price of one," Toye explains. "And each of those eight people is helping the process run smoothly."

The Re/Max Hometeam also specializes in first-time home buying, and are experts in FHA and VA mortgages, which require between 0 and 3 per cent down.

"We are going to get you the highest price for your home, the fastest turnaround, and the most personal attention and follow up you can get," Toye says.

The new approach must be working. Seven out of 10 of his clients is referred to him by a previous client, he says. And out of more than 300 satisfaction surveys sent out at the end of every



John Toye

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Staffing company plays "matchmaker"

Looking for a job? A good job? Barbara Cumming, owner, Express Personnel Services may have just what you're looking for.

Between Cumming's two offices in Wayne and Farmington Hills, she works with businesses in Ypsilanti, Belleville, Wayne, Westland, Romulus, Taylor, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Farmington Hills, Novi, Southfield and Livonia. And they're all desperately seeking qualified staff to work for them.

She describes herself as a "matchmaker," bringing together good people seeking work and good customers—the businesses who are seeking employees.

Cumming places employees in a variety of fields, including permanent workers, and technical

and industrial workers, but the bulk of her placements are temporary, or "temp to permanent" positions in light industrial and clerical fields. She's looking for people who have worked in any sort of warehouse or have factory experience, hi-lo driving or machine

operation capabilities. Clerical workers would ideally have some very basic computer skills, such as simple data entry, Microsoft Word, or Microsoft Office.

Cumming always welcomes candidates who cannot boast long resumes, and invites prospective employees to take advantage of the company's software training, as well as the associate scholarship program. All services are free of charge to candidates, and Ex-



The friendly staff at Express Personnel.

press Personnel never charges a fee or percentage to candidates.

For more information, call Express Personnel at (734) 467-5450, or visit the office at 3927 Fourth Street in Wayne, just south of the Arby's on eastbound Michigan Avenue.

Award-winning company creates homes for living



Steuer and Canvasser's homes in beautiful Country Ponds Estates feature unique and dramatic designs and large lots.

A new home. It's the dream that for so many Western Wayne County residents is coming true. And some 100 families a year are choosing a developer that creates unique, dramatic homes like no other builder can.

Steuer and Canvasser, Farmington Hills development and construction firm, is similar to other larger firms in many ways. Like other well-known developers and builders, Steuer and Canvasser creates quality-conscious new

homes in Van Buren Township, Ann Arbor and Plymouth, in a wide range of price ranges, from the mid \$180s to the \$400s. Like other developers, Steuer and Canvasser seeks attractive and practical locations for its developments, such as the Country Pond Estates and Andover Farm development in Van Buren Township. And like other developers, Steuer and Canvasser is

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Performance Auto Care does it right

When you need a car repair or maintenance, the first thing you need is experienced technicians that offer quality customer service at competitive prices. Wayne Whitehouse recognized the need for customer care and professional service, and for the past year has been delivering what the public asked for, and is looking forward to giving more in the years to come.

After 17 years of working as a technician, he opened his own shop, Performance Auto Care.

He said since 1982 when he got into the business, customers have told him what they really want is a qualified professional working on their vehicles, and a fair price. So since he opened Performance Auto Care more than a year ago, he worked hard to prove that offers what customers seek in his professional service facility.

One of his goals is to offer the best services, exceeding the customers' expectations. He stands behind his work by offering a 12,000-mile/12-month warranty, guaranteeing the best price in town by beating anyone's written estimates. He accepts major credit cards and is open for business Monday through Saturday for customer convenience. You can also get "free" maintenance

and safety inspections just for stopping by.

He says working in his home town of Westland makes a difference to him. Not only is he comfortable with people who are literally his neighbors, he said he also feels more driven to serve them his way—the right way.

Whitehouse says now especially, he feels committed to serving his customers with the highest standards, explaining it's the best way to say "Thank you" to his new, loyal customers for a successful year. "I can be proud of what I'm doing here," Whitehouse says. "I like giving back to the community where I live."

Another opportunity to give back to the community and the industry Whitehouse loves so much will arise in the upcoming months, as he seeks to play a bigger part in many local car shows. Whitehouse hopes to get the opportunity to sponsor car shows in the future, which will ideally mix his love of the automobile with his desire to serve his community.

That pride in his work extends to the extensive cleaning and revamping of his shop. "I've done a lot of work to

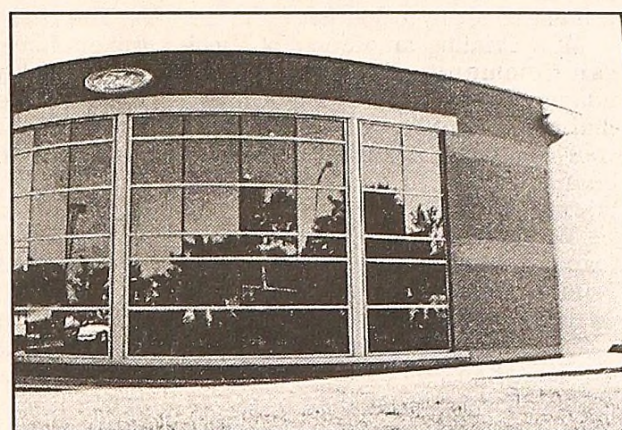
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Old fashioned service lives on at North Brothers Ford

The original North Brothers, Raymond and Ernest opened a Mobil service station together on Fort Street in Lincoln Park, Michigan in 1928. They were awarded a Desoto/Plymouth franchise in June of 1936 - the same year that Gulf Oil replaced Mobil - and they began selling new cars and trucks. Their success in selling new vehicles resulted in Ford Motor Company offering them a very desirable and exclusive new car franchise in 1941. In the early years, they sold Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury vehicles as well as being Lincoln/Mercury distributors for southeast Michigan.

More than 70 years later, the business still thrives in Westland with Raymond's son, James, and grandsons J. Douglas and Thomas carrying on the family tradition of quality and service.

In June of 1998, the company began a significant remodeling of the entire facility. Completed in March of 1999, the new facility clearly distinguishes itself in the industry as a true original. Anchored by the new vehicle showroom rotunda, its appearance is striking



from any angle. With its increased size and new design, the current facility should last well into the new millennium and beyond!

The North family and North Brothers Ford continue to maintain very strong ties to the local community and are very active in local charities and various civic groups.

North Brothers has a long tradition of customer satisfaction excellence, and has been awarded some of the highest honors Ford Motor Co. has to offer, including The President's Award and Partners in Quality award.

"Celebrating over sixty years of cus-

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Local company gets a visit from Gov. Bush

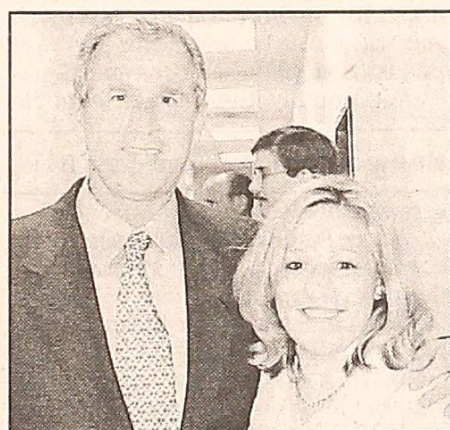
Last month, a local company rolled out the red carpet for Texas Governor George W. Bush. He was greeted and given a tour of Employment & Training Designs Inc. by staffer Rene Hughes. ETD is the first-in-the nation privately owned, publicly funded facility specializing in providing job services to people leaving public assistance.

Hughes successfully completed ETD's "Work First Program" last year and is now employed as a graphic designer.

"Before entering ETD's program, I worked two jobs, received public assistance and supported two young children," Hughes said. "When it became too much, I looked for help and I found it at ETD. They were immediately helpful, and not only did they help me find employment that was better suited to my raising a family, they taught me to believe in myself and showed me that I could achieve success on my own."

"I'm very excited to meet Governor Bush," said Hughes. "It's exciting to meet someone who is supportive of these types of programs that help people and understands that locally-run programs, rather than a government check, teach the self-confidence and skills that people like me need to succeed on their own."

Hughes, 26, now has two children, Kyle, 2, and Trevor, 3. Upon completing



her job readiness training, she was hired as a receptionist at ETD and recently was promoted to graphic designer. She is now taking computer classes to further enhance her skills.

ETD receives state and federal public funding for programs that help the unemployed find jobs. Many of ETD's clients are welfare-to-work participants and they are offered the specialized training necessary to prepare them for the work force. The programs include computer classes, resume building and skills classes.

For more information about Work First and ETD, call (734) 858-4284, or visit ETD in the Metro Place Mall on Michigan Avenue in downtown Wayne.



Full service printshop

Better prices, higher quality, faster service, and no-hassle deliver are the principles that have enabled one local printing company to flourish.

MCN Printing, an offshoot of Michigan Community Newspapers is a unique, full-service printing company that can skillfully and quickly meet your company's printing needs, from business card to newsletters and brochures to newspapers.

"We do everything and anything in the printing business," explains MCN Printing manager Dana Young. "And we do it at a very competitive rate."

The company first opened its doors in 1995 when Michigan Community Newspapers publisher Mike Wilcox realized the company was hiring other print shops to meet his own customers' advertising needs. "We realized we could print materials for ourselves much better and much more affordably if we had our own press," says Wilcox. The business took off from there. Wilcox hired Young, who had been working in the business for 15 years.

It was then that Wilcox realized the little print shop could uniquely address other business' needs, as well, so it only made sense to expand the company.

"After we hired Dana, we were able to take on some of the bigger accounts, like producing 100,000 flyers a month, or newsletters that really helped this

company flourish," Wilcox explains. "And those customers are still with us today."

The reasons MCN Printing's customers have remained loyal abound. Price, quality and service top the list. Because the newspaper had established relationships with outside services and suppliers, MCN Printing is able to offer the full range of printing services at a low rate. MCN Printing will also gladly offer typesetting services and pick-up and delivery service.

Where MCN Printing has a hands-down advantage over competitors, however, is the ability to print and deliver. In other words, when a business needs flyers coupons printed, most print shops can handle the job. But MCN Printing goes a step further. Not only can MCN Printing design and print the flyers, but can also accommodate larger jobs.

MCN Printing can design, print, colate and stitch booklets, as well. Then, MCN Printing can insert the flyers or booklets into some 36,000 newspapers which are delivered to homes throughout western Wayne County, at a huge savings over having one company print and a newspaper insert and deliver.

For a free price quote on how MCN Printing can be your full-service printer, contact Mike or Dana at (734) 729-4000.

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surveys sent out at the end of every transaction, only one customer said he would not refer a family member or friend to Re/Max Hometeam.

Toye's office is getting some attention from his peers as well. Their first year, Toye's team was named the No. 1 team for closed transactions in southeast Michigan, the largest Re/Max region in the state. And as of May of this

year, Toye's team was in first place in the region for all-around performance.

Find out for yourself why John Toye and the Re/Max Hometeam realtors are earning their reputation by calling them at (734) 641-7106, or visiting them on the Web at www.remax-hometeam.net. And of course, you're always welcome in person at the office at 6018 N. Wayne Road, just two blocks north of Ford Road in Westland.

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tomor service excellence" is not just a slogan for the Service Department at North Brothers, it is the company's benchmark. North Brothers Ford strives to make your service visit a pleasant experience. Your service needs will be courteously identified, recorded accurately and verified within four minutes of your arrival.

Customers receive Ford Quality Care scheduled maintenance and you can count on your vehicle being maintained and repaired by some of the industry's best technicians. North Brothers

Ford technicians are Ford factory trained and ASE certified. They utilize state of the art equipment and environmentally approved procedures.

North Brothers Ford is a full service department, meaning they will gladly service all vehicles. North Brothers also carries a complete selection of brand name tires at competitive prices. Be sure to watch for monthly tire specials.

North Brothers Ford is located at 33300 Ford Road in Westland. Contact them at (734)421-1300 or on the Web at www.northbros.com

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this shop to let the public know how seriously I take my business and their comfort," Whitehouse says of his business. "I take pride in my work, and my shop's appearance reflects that."

Give this independent, all-American

family man a chance to show you what quality customer care is all about. Take advantage of Performance Auto Care's special summer maintenance specials, air conditioning specials and used car inspections. Performance Auto Care is located at 1250 South Wayne Road, between Palmer and Avondale. Call (734) 728-5030 for more information.

Find out why your neighbors choose the Castelli Team

Nearly five years ago father and son Century 21 realtors Dave and Pat Castelli decided that while they were successful in their business, there had to be a better way to serve customers.

So, Pat Castelli said they assembled an entire team to serve customers better. The team now offers not just one agent, but three full-time agents who have committed their careers to serving home sellers and home buyers, anchored by two multi-million dollar producers, with more than 28 years combined experience to assist you, not pressure you with your home sale, or home purchase.



Pat Castelli says you'll love the difference between dealing with a team rather than a single agent. "We have made a strong commitment to make service and accessibility a priority," he explains. "There's never a time when you can't reach one of us, even if one of us has gone on vacation, or taken an afternoon off to spend with our families. You still know that you will be taken care of immediately."

The commitment to service certainly comes at price, Castelli explains. The team has had to hire a Web designer, two couriers, assistants and marketing personnel, but Castelli says these measures have been necessary to stay abreast of the fast-growing real estate industry in Western Wayne County.

And because they have two offices—with Dave Castelli in the Garden City office and Pat Castelli and Marjorie Wojtala in the Canton office—the Castelli Team can serve you better, and offer a wider market and broader options. All team members are here to assist with any questions you may have, and with a whole team to serve you, you will never be left in the dark with unanswered phone calls, or questions. Additionally, the Castelli team can

help you find the right mortgage representative to help you buy your next home. Castelli refers many of his customers to Lynne Kososki, loan officer for Mortgage Banking Services. Finding the right mortgage for your personal situation can save or cost you thousands of dollars, Kososki knows the ins and outs of nearly any type of mortgage his customers need, Castelli said.

This is particularly necessary when a client has had a few problems with their credit in the past. "A lot of people don't realize they're credit is not as messed up as they thought and if it is, she can tell them how to address those issues, so they can come back six months later and qualify for a mortgage," Castelli said.

No credit, bad credit, 0 down, low down, perfect credit, the list goes on and on and it can be confusing. And you can rest assured that it will NEVER (and shouldn't) cost you anything to get pre qualified. Don't spend more than you should on your next mortgage.

For more information about the homes and services available from the Castelli Team, call Pat Castelli at (734) 260-3271, or visit the Castelli Team Web site at www.thecastelliteam.com.

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service-oriented and buyer-friendly.

Where Steuer and Canvasser differs, however, is what sets them apart from the others, and it's a facet of the firm that not only saves home buyers money, but also effects the way they live. This company has a full-time, in-house architect. "Most of our competitors use a handful of architects, so you can go from Plymouth to Canton to Van Buren to Sterling Heights and look at houses, and you keep seeing the same house over and over," says David Steuer, president of Steuer and Canvasser. This firm, on the other hand, offers more than two dozen unique home designs.

It's the unique design that won Steuer and Canvasser a blue ribbon in last year's 10th Annual Parade of Homes, for a home priced under \$230,000 in Van Buren Township's Andover Farms community where they are currently selling the final phase of the subdivision.

Steuer explains this is not just true for obvious reason; certainly a home's design effects how you move within

your space every day. And Steuer and Canvasser's homes are dramatic, with maximum wall space and exciting lines of vision which creates charisma within the home.

But this firm's talented architect goes a step beyond the drama and creates homes you can grow with for 20 years. And by creating neighborhoods full of homes designed to grow with the family within them, Steuer and Canvasser communities will develop an identity that can only be achieved by families that stay in their homes for decades, when the average family moves about every seven or eight years.

For more information about how you can move into a Steuer and Canvasser home, in Country Ponds Estates in a beautiful and convenient Van Buren Township location, contact them at (248) 626-8890 #28, or stop by the sales office, located at Country Pond Estates, on Savage Road, between Belleville Road and Haggerty Road or Andover Farms on Landcaster. Enter the south side of Tyler between Haggerty and Morton Taylor. Or contact them by visiting their website at www.sc-realestate.net.



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more causes weight loss, more energy, improved health and clearer thinking.

- **Probiotics.** Probiotics replace what our food lacks, now that we've stripped our soils of necessary bacteria. This beneficial bacteria regimen boosts immune functions, and virtually eradicates chronic fatigue, infection and viruses, as well as pumping up the body's ability to overcome allergy, irritable bowel, and other modern-day ills.

- **Diet management.** While Zerbo's carries most types of diet management aides, look for an increasing number of ephedrine-free products, for those who have chosen not to use ephedrine due to the potential side effects.

- **Pet products.** From pet foods and flea fighters to herbs to help your pet's mood, Zerbo's carries everything you need for a healthy, happy pet.

- **Books.** Zerbo's recommends *The Body's Many Cries for Water*, and *Prescription for Healing, A to Z*, which has been one of their top sellers for more than 15 years. \$bu Super green foods. This is a whole-food supplement which

picks up where our diet leaves off. Super Green foods help your body to absorb the nutrition you eat, in a usable, body-friendly manner, which restores cell health and balance in the body.

- **Ultra Glycemic X.** The latest chapter in the Ultra Balance line of medical product, Ultra Glycemic X restores proper insulin function in the body. Diabetics and hypoglycemics can expect normal insulin levels within two months, as well as a decrease in cholesterol and triglycerides.

- **Kill It!** book. Zerbo's is giving the *Kill It!* book to anyone who asks for it, while supplies last. The book addresses nature's attack against cancer and arthritis, using pure shark cartilage.

Stop by Zerbo's Health Foods today and get on the road to better health. They're located at 34164 Plymouth Road, just east of Wayne Road, in Livonia. To get on Zerbo's mailing list, send your name, address and phone number to the store, and ask to receive Zerbo's free newsletter, which is packed with the latest health information, as well as information about specials. For more information, call (734) 427-3144.

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ties up some loose ends, calling it a day at around 11 p.m.

When asked if she's going to slow down a bit, she laughs. "Not as long as I'm doing what I love," she says.

As Village Music continues to blossom, Atwood has sought a little help, and is very pleased with her two associates, Cheryl Beauchamps and newcomer Claudia Tull, who each have extensive backgrounds in Kindermusik and early childhood music. Atwood has also brought in hammer dulcimer instructor Charlene Berry, and the program is growing ever more popular.

With a new associate, and new program offerings, it only made sense that Atwood would have to expand her physical surroundings, so she recently completed an additional studio to accommodate her growing number of students.

New Kindermusik summer classes begin this week, but it's not too late to get in on the summer offerings. Fall classes begin September 11.

For more information about Kindermusik and private classes in piano, hammer dulcimer and voice instruction, visit Village Music at 130 E. Liberty, off Mill Street in Plymouth, or call (734) 354-9825.

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other stores is easy to spot. Specializing in artwork, gift items and collectibles especially for the outdoor lover, this store carries quality, eclectic merchandise that draws you in and beckons for you to admire every item.

Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast or just appreciate the serenity you achieve when you bring a little bit of nature in your home, you'll certainly get lost in the Wild Wings gallery.

But you can admire the artwork at home, as well. Wild Wings offers a 90-day lay away plan and framed art can be taken on approval. And above all else, customer satisfaction is paramount at this family owned business.

Wild Wings is located at 388 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. They're open Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call (734) 455-3400 for more information.

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ing the interview, in fact, he actually invited not one, but two customers to do just that. "You like that set?" he asked. "Make me an offer."

But this warehouse is no bargain basement. Mator carries every major brand of patio furnishings, wicker and rattan, including Homecrest, Winston, Bower Jordan, Lloyd Flanders, Lane Venture, and many more.

And he guarantees the lowest price on any of the 200 sets he carries. You bring in a competitor's advertised price, and he'll beat it. "And I'm not talking by \$5 or \$10, either," he says. "I mean, I'll beat it by a lot."

And it's not just the quality that has built Labadies; it's the service. Mator says the store does a good deal of custom-ordered furnishings, and offers a delivery service as well.

Visit the Labadies showroom in downtown Trenton, to enjoy the same first-class taste of the tropics you've come to enjoy, or visit the warehouse for an all-out summer extravaganza of choice and savings. They're both well worth the short trip. The downtown showroom is located at 1707 West Road, at Fort. The warehouse is located at Hoover Road, off Vreeland. For more information, call (800) 310-5094.

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other sports clothing and collectible items, as well as Pokemon collector cards.

Visitors to the Westland Shopping Center have been thrilled with the addition of White Barn Candle Co., which was brought in as the other half of Bath & Body Works earlier this summer. Now the same great Bath & Body Works fragrances you love for your bath are available for any room in your home from the White Barn Candle Co.

Be sure to leave some time to sit down and replenish your energy at Jonathan B's Pub. Try some of their new menu items they'll be testing during Sidewalk Sales, and enjoy a cold soft drink or icy beer while you take a load off.

Stop by the Westland Shopping Center today. It's located on Warren Road, just west of Wayne Road.

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ness successful for 25 years, it would be thank you for making us number one in the coney business," Savich says.

To pay the community back for their support, Wayne Coney continues to extend their very best hospitality to every customer: friendly service, tasty food and a bright and clean atmosphere.

But you can get one thing you couldn't get 25 years ago—all you can eat soup and salad bar with your dinner. And the soups range from the unique to the traditional. From chicken noodle to B.L.T. soup and chicken dumpling soup, each of the four soups served daily is worth the trip to Wayne Coney.

Wayne Coney is open daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and is located in the Metro Mall, on the Michigan Avenue island in downtown Wayne. For more information, or to ask about Wayne Coney's banquet room, which seats up to 70 people, call (734) 326-6099.

SMART service growing locally; buses serving residents, workers

In metro Detroit, transportation is a prominent subject, yet many residents remain unaware of the services of SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) as an alternate means of getting from place to place.

Over the past five years, SMART has made huge improvements in their services by re-aligning routes along major corridors leading to and from the city of Detroit; initiating Job Express services, which shuttle workers to and from locations like Fairlane Town Center; and creating Community Transit and Community Based Service Programs that address the needs of each locality.

"We feel the future of public transit is in creating a system that is tailored to fit each community's needs," said Dan Dirks, general manager of SMART. "Our Community Transit, Community Based Service Programs, and Job Express services really highlight this commitment. In the years to come we're hoping to work even more closely with our respective communities to address the needs of their residents."

Community Transit is a curb-to-curb

reservation service designed to meet the special needs of people who can't access SMART's regular fixed route services within Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. All Community Transit buses are wheelchair lift-equipped and each person must call SMART to schedule their ride. Although anyone can ride Community Transit, the service gives special priority to senior citizens, people with disabilities and people with medical needs. When scheduling a ride, SMART recommends making a reservation at least two days ahead of time to avoid schedule conflicts.

Community Based Service Programs are different from Community Transit because they are even more locally tailored and operate under the specific direction of each municipality through special funding and buses provided by SMART. For example, Nankin Transit, which represents Garden City, Inkster, Westland, and Wayne through an inter-local agreement, provides special transportation programs to residents based on the guidance of a board of city representatives.

"Once a year Nankin Transit works out a contract with SMART to operate



our services within our four cities," said Dick Fernandez, executive director of Nankin Transit. "The relationship works well because SMART has the expertise to monitor and apply for grants and provide buses while we have a 25 year experience of serving our residents."

Because of partnerships like this, Nankin Transit provides approximately 100,000 rides per year to the residents of Garden City, Inkster, Westland, and Wayne.

Another SMART service, Fairlane Job Express, focuses on taking people of Wayne County directly to their workplace. For example, if a rider of SMART's 185, 200, 240, 250, or 265 routes gets dropped off at Fairlane

Town Center, that person can hop on the Fairlane Job Express Van for an extra 50 cents and get dropped off at the door of their place of employment.

"Our Fairlane Job Express service was one of our first Job Express services," said Dirks. "It's really been a hit resulting in a lot of positive feedback from our riders."

SMART's services have made significant strides in bringing successful transportation programs to local residents. The future of public transportation looks brighter because of the authority's planning and hard work.

For more information on any of the services mentioned above please call a SMART customer service representative at 313-962-5515.



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Job Express Takes You Right To Your Work Door.

If your job is at the Fairlane Town Center, or if your job site is within one mile of the Somerset Collection South, Chrysler Tech Center or Lakeside Center, SMART's *Job Express* can take you directly to your work door. Just board a regular SMART Bus to one of these locations, then board the waiting *Job Express* shuttle van. It'll take you directly to your work door, for only 50¢. To reserve your return trip, simply tell the driver when you need to be picked up or call SMART.

For complete details about *Job Express*, call 313-962-5515.

For Cleaner Air, Leave Your Car at Home and Ride SMART.

This is the time of the year for **Ozone Action Days** and the *Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan* needs our help to keep our air clean and safe for everyone. During an **Ozone Action Day**, leave your car at home and ride the SMART bus to work or to shop.

A SMART bus carrying 20 passengers emits only 1/10 of the pollution produced when those 20 people drive their own cars. If 20% of people rode the bus we could eliminate over 1000 tons of ozone forming pollutants from the air. Plus, when you ride SMART, you won't have to deal with construction headaches. So, help the environment and yourself this summer. Ride SMART. Call 313-962-5515 for route information.

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More Routes. Record Ridership. And So Many Reasons to Ride! SMART's on a Roll.

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